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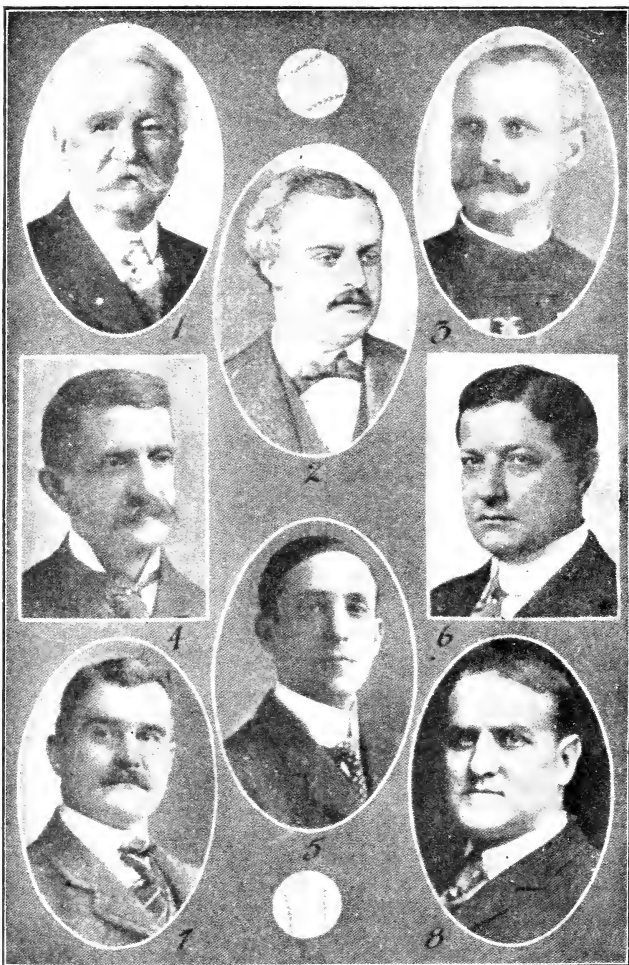
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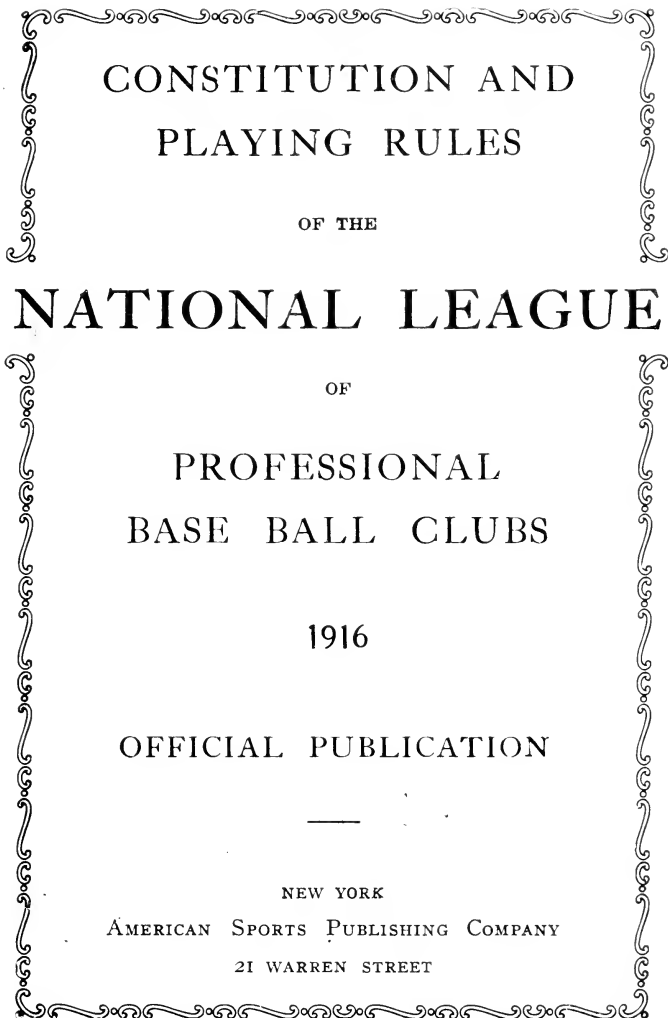
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OF THE

National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs

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Name.

SECTION 1. This Association shall be called the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs.

Objects.

SEC. 2. The objects of this League are:

1. To immortalize Base Ball as the National Game of the United States.
2. To surround it with such safeguards as to warrant absolute public confidence in its integrity and methods.
3. To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional Base Ball clubs and professional Base Ball players, and
4. To establish and regulate the professional Base Ball championship of this League.

Membership.

SEC. 3. This League shall consist of eight clubs located in and representing the following cities, to wit: Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and New York, in which last-named city there shall be two clubs (one as now located in the Borough of Manhattan, and one as now located in the Borough of Brooklyn), and in no event shall there be more than one club in any other city, nor shall the membership be increased or diminished, except by unanimous consent of the League.

Withdrawal From Membership.

SEC. 4. Any club of the League unable to meet the obligations it has assumed may ask the League for permission to dispose of its rights and franchise as a member of the League in that city to some other corporation. In the event of the League giving its consent to the transfer of membership from one company to another, it must be understood

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and arranged that the new member shall assume with the franchise and rights of the retiring company all existing liabilities, responsibilities and obligations entered into by the retiring company. It must also be understood and agreed by the retiring company that it shall not be relieved or released from any contract or obligation entered into by it to the League, until all of said contracts and obligations have been fully paid and determined by that company, or the one accepting its membership, rights and franchises as its successor.

Admission to Membership.

SEC. 5. A company to be admitted to membership in this League, except as provided in Section 7, must first deliver to the Secretary of the League a written application signed by its President and Secretary, accompanied by documents, showing that such company is regularly organized, chartered and officered, and is prepared to comply fully with the provisions of Section 4 of this Constitution. Such application shall be transmitted at once by the Secretary to the Board of Directors, who shall immediately investigate and report upon said application to the League through the Secretary.

SEC. 6. The voting upon an application for membership shall be by ballot, a three-fourths affirmative vote being requisite for election.

In Regard to Vacancies.

SEC. 7. In case a vacancy occurs in the membership of this organization during the championship season, the President shall nominate to all the clubs all applications for membership; and the vote thereon may be taken by telegraph or mail, as occasion may require, and a majority vote of all the clubs will be required to admit any applicant to membership. Such membership, however, shall continue only until the next annual meeting, but such club shall be subject to all the rules and requirements of this organization.

Termination of Membership.

SEC. 8. The membership of any club may be terminated:

1. By resignation duly accepted by a three-fourths vote of all clubs in meeting duly convened as provided in Section 4.
2. By failure to present its team at the time and place agreed upon to play any championship game, unless caused by unavoidable accident in traveling, or conditions beyond the control of the club or its officials.

3. By allowing open betting or pool selling upon its grounds or in any building owned or controlled by it.

4. By playing any game of ball with a club that is disqualified or ineligible under the National Agreement or this Constitution.

5. By offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball; or failing to suspend immediately any player, or party connected with it, who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon.

6. By disbandment of its organization or team during the championship season.

7. By failing or refusing to fulfill its contractual obligations.

8. By failing or refusing to comply with any lawful requirement of the Board of Directors.

9. By wilfully violating any provision of this Constitution, or the legislation or playing rules made in pursuance thereof, or any violation of the provisions of the National Agreement.

The Expulsion of Clubs.

SEC. 9. To carry into effect the provisions of Section 8 of this Constitution, the facts in any case covered by such section must be certified to the Secretary of the League, who shall at once notify by mail or telegraph the party charged with the specified default or offense, and inquire whether any dispute exists as to the facts alleged. In case the facts are disputed, the Board of Directors shall, after due notice, try the case under such regulations as it may prescribe; and its finding shall be final and conclusive on all parties except in case of expulsion, when such finding, with a transcript of the evidence, shall be forwarded to each club, which shall transmit to the Secretary its written ballot "For Expulsion" or "Against Expulsion"; and if seven clubs vote "For Expulsion" the forfeiture of membership by the party charged shall be valid and shall be forthwith promulgated.

SEC. 10. Upon conviction of any of the offenses prescribed in Section 8 as causes for expulsion, the Board of Directors may, in the first instance, as a preliminary to, or in lieu of expulsion, impose such a fine as is in its judgment commensurate with the offense; which fine may include a penalty payable to any other club or clubs as an equivalent for damages sustained for such violation of this Constitution, or of the legislation or contracts made in pursuance thereof.

Sources of Revenue.

SEC. 11. The revenue of the League shall be derived from the following sources:

a. The balance, if any, remaining in the treasury on the 31st day of December of each year.

b. Annual dues to be paid on or before the first day of April of each year by each club to the Secretary, in the sum of \$100.00.

c. Fines and penalties inflicted either by the League, the Board of Directors, or the President against a club, club officer, manager, player, or upon any other person in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the Playing Rules of the League.

d. The proceeds of the sale of base balls by the League to its clubs under the contract entered into between the League and A. G. Spalding & Bros.

e. The amount received by the League under the contract entered into with A. G. Spalding & Bros.

f. Interest on deposits.

g. Income from all other sources.

h. The amount received by the League under the provisions of Section 17 of the Rules and Regulations governing the playing of the World's Series games during each year.

Operating Expenses.

SEC. 12. The operating expenses of the League, including the payment of salaries and expenses of officers and umpires, whether incurred by the League, the Board of Directors, or the President, shall be paid out of the League treasury, and if it is found at any time that the revenues under the provisions of Section 11 are insufficient to meet such expenses in any one year then and in that event an assessment shall be levied by the President against each club, share and share alike, to meet such deficiency.

Officers—Vacancies.

SEC. 13. The officers of the League shall be a President, a Secretary-Treasurer and five members of the Board of Directors, who shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting, provided, however, that the President and the Secretary-Treasurer may be elected for a term of four years. It shall require five affirmative votes of the League to elect any officer, and all officers shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified, except as otherwise provided in this

section. Any officer may be removed for cause by a four-fifths vote of the Board concurred in by at least six votes of the League. Should the office of President or Secretary-Treasurer become vacant by death, resignation or removal, the Board shall within thirty days thereafter elect his successor, who shall serve until the next annual meeting of the League. The Board shall also fill all vacancies in the Board caused by the removal of one of its members for cause, provided, however, that if a vacancy is caused by reason of death, resignation, or absence of any Directors, the club of which he was a member at the time he was chosen shall designate his successor and at once certify the same to the Secretary.

The President's Duties.

SEC. 14. *The President shall preside at all meetings of the League, and he shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Board. He shall report to the Board any violation of the provisions of the Constitution that may come to his knowledge, and he shall be the sole interpreter of the Playing Rules. In all cases of dispute or complaint relating to a game alleged to have been played in violation of this Constitution or the Playing Rules, the complaint and accompanying proof must be filed within five days after the date of said game with the President of the League, who shall send a copy of the same to the other club, with orders to file its answer within five days thereafter. The President shall decide such dispute on its merits, and forthwith communicate his decision to both clubs, and his decision shall be final.*

The Secretary's Duties.

SEC. 15. The Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the League, and as such shall be the custodian of all funds of the League, receive all dues, fines, assessments and other sources of revenues, which shall be placed to the credit of the Treasurer in some bank of deposit to meet the current expenses of the League. He shall make such payments as shall be ordered by the President, the Board, or by the League, and render annually a detailed report of his accounts, and shall give such bond, with approved sureties, as the Board may require.

SEC. 16. The Secretary shall have the custody and care of the official records and papers of the League; shall cause a true stenographic record of all meetings of the League and of the Board to be kept and preserved; shall issue all official

notices, attend to the necessary correspondence, prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Board, and shall be entitled to such books, stationery, blanks and materials as the actual duties of his office may require.

SEC. 17. The Secretary shall keep a record of all infractions of the rules and regulations of the League that may come under his notice, and shall make a report on the same to the Board at its next meeting.

Officers' Salaries.

SEC. 18. The President and Secretary shall receive such salaries as the Board shall determine, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling and hotel expenses actually incurred by them in the service of the League; and the Board may exact from each such guarantee for the faithful performance of his duties as they may deem for the interest and safety of the League. At the expiration of his term of office each shall account for and deliver to the Board all the property and papers which may have come into his hands by virtue of his office.

Qualifications of Directors.

SEC. 19. No person shall be qualified to act as Director who is not an actual stockholder of the club he represents; nor shall any club under any circumstances be represented by more than one person on the Board; nor shall any Director sit in the trial of a cause in which his club is interested.

SEC. 20. The Board shall meet annually on the second Tuesday in December, at 12 o'clock noon, in the city where the annual meeting of the League is to be held, and may hold special meetings on the call of the President, or three members of the Board whenever necessity may require.

SEC. 21. The Board shall prepare a detailed report of all its doings, and present the same in writing to the League at its annual meeting, which report shall, if accepted, be filed with the Secretary, together with all the official papers, documents and property which may have come into its possession, and a copy of such report shall be transmitted by the Secretary to each club.

SEC. 22. The Board shall have a general supervision and management of all the affairs and business of the League, including the awarding of the championship and such other duties expressly or impliedly conferred upon it by this Constitution, or by legislation made in pursuance thereof. It

shall be the sole and exclusive tribunal for the trial of managers or players for any violation of this Constitution or of the Playing Rules, or Rules of Discipline, unless the League by a three-fourths vote of its club membership shall otherwise direct. It shall have the sole and exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine disputes between clubs, complaints by a club against the manager or player of another club, or by a manager or player against his own club, or an appeal by a player against fine, suspension or expulsion by his own club, or complaint by the President of the League against a club for failure to comply with Constitutional requirements, or against a club official for conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the game, and generally for the adjudication of all issues of law or facts arising out of this Constitution, the Playing Rules and other legislation made in pursuance thereof.

SEC. 23. *The Board* shall, within ten days, either by mail or at a special meeting called for the purpose, hear and consider any complaint made by the President of the League, or by one of its clubs, charging a violation of Section 63 of this Constitution. The penalty for the first offense, if the charges are sustained, shall be \$250; for the second offense, \$500, and \$1,000 for each subsequent violation.

SEC. 24. The Board shall adopt such regulations and such rules of procedure for the hearing and determination of all disputes and complaints brought before it as may be deemed necessary.

SEC. 25. The Board shall at once consider any complaint preferred by a club against a manager or player of another club during or after a championship season for conduct in violation of any provision of this Constitution, or prejudicial to the good repute of the game of base ball, and shall have power to require the club to which such player or manager may belong to discipline him, and upon repetition of such offense to expel him; provided, that such complaint be presented in writing, giving such particulars as may enable the Board to ascertain all the facts, and such particulars shall be transmitted to the Secretary, by whom it shall at once be referred to the Board. In all cases where charges are preferred by any regularly appointed League umpire against any *manager* or player for violation of the playing rules or for conduct on the ball field prejudicial to the good repute of the game of base ball, the President shall have the sole jurisdiction to pass upon said charges and inflict penalties, if any, subject only to the restriction that in no case where expulsion is fixed shall the penalty be put into effect until ratified

by the Board. *Provided, that where such penalty carries with it suspension, the employing club shall stop payment of the offending manager's or player's salary during time of such suspension, for which deduction of salary no refund or reimbursement shall be made to the manager or player at any time or in any manner. Any club failing to deduct salaries as stipulated by the foregoing provision shall be fined \$250 for each offense.*

SEC. 26. In case a player, under contract with a League club, shall, during a current season, prefer a complaint in writing to the Secretary of the League against such a club, alleging that such club is in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due on account of such contract, the Secretary shall at once transmit to the said club a copy of such complaint, and require an answer thereto. On receipt of such answer, or if five days shall have elapsed without receipt of an answer, the Secretary shall refer the papers in the case to the Board for a speedy determination. Should the Board find the player's complaint sustained, it shall require the club, under penalty of forfeiture of its membership, to pay to the player forthwith the full amount ascertained to be due him. *Provided, that should the player refuse to serve the club pending action by the Board on his complaint an award will not be made until he returns to its services.*

SEC. 27. The Board shall promptly hear an appeal made by any person who shall have been expelled, suspended or disciplined by his club, except in cases of expulsion as provided in Section 40. Such person shall, within thirty days after the date of the expulsion, suspension or discipline file a written statement of his defense, accompanied by a request that an appeal be allowed him. The Secretary shall notify the club of the request for an appeal, accompanying such notice with a copy of the appeal; and at the next meeting of the Board, the club, by its duly authorized representative, and the appellant in person, by attorney or by written statement, shall appear before the Board with their testimony. The Board shall impartially hear the matter and render its decision, which shall be final and forever binding on both club and player.

SEC. 28. Any player under contract or reservation who may consider himself unjustly treated or wronged by his club shall have the right to submit his case to the President of the League, who shall, after receiving evidence concerning the matter, present the same to the Board for hearing, recommendation or adjudication. The Board shall have authority

to impose any just fine or pecuniary penalty on a club, a manager or a player, if warranted by its findings and decisions, and it may impose the expenses of trials and hearings on one or both parties to the controversy. But such fine, penalty and expenses may be remitted by a three-fourths vote of the League upon appeal duly made and heard at an annual or special meeting.

Individual Club Control.

SEC. 29. Each club shall have the right to regulate its own affairs, except as herein otherwise provided, or as the League may from time to time determine, and, in doing so, shall have the right to establish its own rules and to discipline, punish, suspend or expel its own manager, players or other employes, and these powers shall not be limited to cases of dishonest play or open insubordination, but shall include all questions of gross carelessness, indifference or other conduct of the player that may be regarded by the club as prejudicial to its interest, and not to conflict with any provision of this Constitution, or the Playing Rules of this League.

Punishment of Scandalous Conduct.

SEC. 30. The President of the League shall have power, upon proper proof, to suspend for a definite period and to impose a fine not exceeding \$200 upon any League manager or player guilty, in public, of gross misbehavior, including intoxication, fighting, quarreling, indecency or other scandalous conduct, whether on or off the playing field, during the season, when the same is, in his opinion, calculated to bring disrepute upon the National League or the National Game. Such fine, if the same has been fixed at the maximum amount, or suspension, if the latter is for a period of more than ten days, or both, can only be remitted or modified by the Board after a hearing upon appeal duly prosecuted.

Territorial Rights.

SEC. 31. This League shall have exclusive control of each city in its circuit and of the surrounding territory to the extent of five miles in every direction from its corporate limits, unless such city be represented in the American League as well as the National League, in which event it shall be under the joint control of these Leagues. No outside National Agreement club shall be permitted to play exhibition games in such territory except with the consent of the local major league club or clubs located therein.

Reservation of Players.

SEC. 32. Each club of this League shall be entitled to the right of reservation. On or before the 28th day of September in each year each club shall transmit to the Secretary a list of all players under contract on that day which such club desires to retain for the following season, together with those secured for future service by purchase or draft or while free agents, and those under suspension for insubordination or other cause as well as those ineligible for refusal to respect reservation by, or contract with, such club for that or a preceding season, or for any other valid reason. Such players shall be ineligible to contract with any other club in this League except as hereinafter provided. No club shall have the right to reserve more than thirty-five (35) players, exclusive of its manager and ineligible players, and no club shall have the right to retain more than twenty-one (21) players, exclusive of its manager and ineligible players, from May 1st to September 1st. Provided, however, where the manager is also a player, he shall be included in the number of players. A player manager is one who participates in a championship game of base ball during the playing season.

Negotiating For Services.

SEC. 33. A player shall not enter into negotiations with any other club for services without the consent of the club with which he is under contract or reservation, nor shall any representative, manager, or agent of any club negotiate for the services of a player of another club without the consent of the club having title to the player's services.

Contracts—Releases—Waivers.

SEC. 34. An informal contract between a club and its manager or players either by telegram or in writing must be followed within ten days thereafter by a contract, and all contracts, formal or informal, entered into between any club and its manager or player must be promptly forwarded to the President of the League for approval and promulgation.

SEC. 35. The League shall adopt such form of contract as may be prescribed by the National Commission for the protection of the rights of the parties thereto. All contracts must be approved by the President and duly promulgated by him. Whenever a club serves notice on a player that his contract will be terminated in ten days, it shall immediately notify by wire the President of the League, who shall at

once notify the other seven clubs. A failure to comply with this provision shall subject the offending club to a fine, to be fixed by the Board, of not less than \$25.00, unless a violation of this section results in the loss of the player to the National League, when it shall be at an amount commensurate with the player's ability as compensatory damages. For a period of ten days after notice of release is served on a National League player any other club shall have the right to claim without cost the player released and to negotiate for his services, and the player shall be ineligible to contract with a club of another league. A club desiring to release a player to a club of another league shall apply for permission through the President of the League, who shall ask for waivers from the other seven clubs. Upon a failure to receive reply to such request within five days during the championship season and ten days at all other times, the President shall notify the requesting club that permission to release is granted. If any club shall refuse by mail or wire to waive claim, then the following rules shall apply:

1. Whenever waivers are sought upon a player the President of the League shall furnish, if required by the president of any club, definite information concerning the terms of said player's contract, his salary, and whether he is a drafted or purchased player, and, if the latter, under what terms and conditions he was secured.

2. If the player sought to be released be a drafted player, then the price shall be fixed by the President of the League. Provided, however, that in no case shall the price be greater than the draft price. A player having served with one or more clubs of this League for the full playing season immediately following the year of his draft shall no longer be considered a drafted player.

3. For any other player (except a purchased player, as provided in paragraph 4 of these Rules) the price shall be fixed by the President of the League, provided that the same shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500); proper consideration, however, to be given by the President to the terms and conditions in the player's contract.

4. If waivers are asked on a player who has been purchased within one year of the time in which such waivers are asked, and the price offered by the claiming club or clubs is not satisfactory to the club requesting such waivers, then the same shall be adjusted by negotiations between the interested clubs, and, in the event of their inability to agree, by

the President of the League, who shall then fix compensation to be paid in excess of the price offered, and whose decision shall be final, and the claiming club shall pay the amount fixed within five days.

5. No request for waivers can be withdrawn.

6. Refusal to waive must be followed by check, upon notification of the amount, to the President of the League.

7. Waivers secured between playing seasons expire ten days after the opening of the next championship season.

8. Waivers secured during the championship season expire thirty days after notice of request is promulgated by the President of the League.

9. No player shall be released during the five-day waiver period.

10. When the President of the League has awarded a player under the provisions of this section, the club to which he is awarded cannot withdraw its claim.

11. In case two or more clubs claim the services of the same player, the President of the League shall determine title by lot.

12. The President of a club, or his properly authorized representative, shall alone have authority to file a waiver claim.

13. If the club obtaining title to a player by refusing to waive claim shall ask for waivers on the same player within thirty days after it secures title to him, the player shall revert, on claim, to the club to which he originally belonged, upon repayment of the price paid for the player, and that club shall then have the privilege, for a period of ten days, of disposing of the services of such player out of the League without further waiver requests. Provided, that if more than one club had refused to waive in the first instance, all such clubs (except the one returning him) shall have the right to refuse to waive.

14. A club shall not release a player to a minor league club until waivers on his services have been obtained from all other major league clubs in accordance with the provisions of the National Agreement and the rules of the National Commission.

15. The penalty to be imposed by the Board of Directors for violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be not more than \$250 for each offense.

Suspension and Expulsion of Players.

SEC. 36. Any manager or player, while under contract with, or reservation by, a League club, who shall, without the

consent of such club, enter the service of any other club in any capacity, shall be liable to expulsion by said League club. Whenever a club suspends or expels a manager or player, that club shall at once notify the Secretary of this League, stating the date when the same takes effect, and the cause thereof.

SEC. 37. No manager or player, who has been suspended or expelled from a League club, shall at any time thereafter be allowed to play with, or serve in any capacity, any League club (either the one expelling him or any other) unless the term of suspension by the club has expired, or upon his appeal to this League, such expulsion or suspension shall have been set aside.

Effect of Club Disbandment.

SEC. 38. The disbandment of a League club, or its withdrawal from or loss of League membership, shall operate as a release of its players from contract and reservation with said club, but the right to contract with and reserve said players shall revert to the League, and they shall be subject to transfer to such other clubs as the League may designate after notification to them of acceptance of their said services.

SEC. 39. No game of base ball shall be played between a League club and any other club that has been expelled from membership in this League, or not in good standing under the National Agreement. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club employing or presenting in its team a player expelled, or under suspension from the League, or otherwise rendered ineligible by this League or a club member thereof.

Crookedness and Its Penalties.

SEC. 40. Any person who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to cause any game of ball to result otherwise than on its merits under the Playing Rules, shall be forever disqualified by the President of the League from acting as umpire, manager or player or in any other capacity in any game of ball participated in by a League club.

Umpires.

SEC. 41. A staff of League umpires shall be selected by the President before the opening of the regular season.

1. Applicant for the position of umpire must state age, residence, experience, habits and such other qualifications as may be prescribed on forms prepared by the President, and

must have the endorsement of those who from skilled and personal knowledge can recommend the applicant for the position.

Independent of such endorsements, however, the President shall make inquiries and inform himself, as far as practicable, as to the merits and qualifications of each applicant.

2. Umpires shall be paid such salaries and allowed such expenses as may be mutually agreed upon by contract between them and the President, subject to the approval of the Board.

3. In the event of the failure of an umpire to umpire a game assigned to him it shall be the duty of the President to provide, if possible, a substitute to umpire such game; in such case there shall be deducted from the next payment to the umpire one day's pay for each assignment which for any reason he shall have failed to fill.

4. It shall be the duty of each League club to accept as umpire for any championship game such umpires or substitutes as the President shall assign to such game. In the event of the non-appearance of a League umpire or substitute at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, each club captain shall then select one of the players of the opposing club, not on its batting list for that game, and the two players thus selected shall be the duly authorized umpires for that game.

5. It shall be the duty of umpires to enforce the rules as they are written, regardless of personal opinion as to their merits, subject to the President's instructions as to their proper interpretation. They shall familiarize themselves with these sections of the Constitution, obey all orders of the President, fill all assignments of their services, and wear such uniform on the playing field as he may designate.

Supervision of Umpires.

SEC. 42. All complaints against umpires shall be submitted in writing or by telegraph to the President, who shall take such steps as he may deem proper, according to the gravity of the charges, to ascertain the competency of the umpire complained of and to determine, if possible, by his own personal observation as to his merits or demerits. If a charge of a wilful violation of this Constitution, or of the Playing Rules, or for neglect or refusal to enforce any of said rules, or for improper or ungentlemanly language or conduct, either on or off the ball field, be substantiated upon investigation, the President shall have the right to fine, remove,

suspend or expel the offender, as in his judgment the offense may justify.

Committees.

SEC. 43. At each annual meeting of the League the President shall appoint a committee of three on Constitutional Amendments and such additional committees as may be authorized by the League from time to time. He shall also appoint a committee of three on Playing Rules whenever the National Commission certifies to the President of each major league that in its judgment the Playing Rules require amending.

The Championship.

SEC. 44. The Championship of this League shall be contended for yearly by the clubs composing it, under the Official Playing Rules of Professional Base Ball Clubs, as adopted by the Joint Playing Rules Committee of the National and American Leagues.

SEC. 45. The President of this League in conjunction with the President of the American League shall jointly, in person or by proxy, annually prepare a schedule of games for each major league for the ensuing pennant race, avoiding as far as possible conflicts in championship games in cities in which rival clubs are located. The schedules thus drafted shall be submitted to each major league not later than the second week in February of each year, and no alteration shall be made in any date or dates allotted therein without the concurrence of both major league Presidents.

SEC. 46. Every game played between two clubs from the commencement of the championship season to the completion of the championship series between such clubs shall be a game for the championship, and no League club shall lend to or exchange players with each other for any game played during the championship season. Any violation of this section shall subject each offender to a fine of \$100.

SEC. 47. Each club shall play twenty-two or more championship games with every other club in the League. A tie game or a game prevented by rain or other legal cause, shall be played off on the same ground on which scheduled on any open date during the same or any subsequent series at a date optional with the home club, but no tie or postponed game shall be played off as a double-header in the first series; provided, that the date for playing off such postponed or tie game must be at once fixed by the home club, and the date so fixed shall then become part of the regular championship schedule and

be bulletined to all clubs. The visiting club and President of the League shall be notified of such date before eight o'clock P. M. of the day such postponement or tie occurs; and in event the date for such play-off be fixed for the next day of the same series, the home club shall also notify the umpire or umpires then officiating in that city. If, however, all of the series of games scheduled on any ground have been ended, and any such game remains unplayed, then such game shall, if possible, be played off on the ground of the opposing club on a date to be determined by the club of the city to which such game be transferred.

SEC. 48. Each club shall have half of the championship series of games with every other club played on its own grounds, except as otherwise provided in Section 47; and in all the details of such games that do not involve the rights of the visiting club under this Constitution and the Playing Rules, but relate solely to such games as attractive exhibitions to the patrons of the home club, the visiting club shall defer to the wishes of the home club; provided, nevertheless, that the home club shall not be permitted to change the usual hour for the commencement of scheduled games in its particular city more than thirty minutes without first having obtained the consent of the visiting club thereto, under a penalty to the visiting club of \$500. The visiting club shall furnish to a person designated by the home club the batting order of its team by 10 o'clock on the morning of the day of each game, or the evening previous, if requested. In case of the failure of any visiting club to furnish the batting order of its team as herein stipulated, it shall forfeit the sum of \$10, which amount shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of the League, upon the receipt of notice from him of the infliction of such fine, which notice shall be given by the Secretary upon receipt of complaint from the home club. It shall be the duty of the home club to furnish the manager and captain of the visiting club with a list of the batting order of its team before the commencement of the game under similar penalties or default as herein prescribed. The visiting club shall have the right to practice its team on the grounds of the home club between 11 and 12 o'clock A. M. on each day of its visit during the championship season.

The Championship Schedule.

SEC. 49. All championship games shall be arranged by the President or his proxy as provided in Section 2, Article III,

of the National Agreement in a written schedule and reported to the League before the beginning of the championship season. The schedule shall provide for an equal number of return games, and shall specify the date of each game and the date of each series of games. No date in said schedule shall subsequently be changed, except (1) by written agreement of the two clubs from a date fixed by the schedule for a game between such clubs in a city in which a rival major league is not operated to an open date on the same ground; or (2) as provided in Section 47.

Any club or clubs violating this section shall be amenable to a penalty of \$1,000, to be paid within forty-eight hours to the Treasurer of the League, or if not so paid to be withheld from any funds to the offending club or clubs' credit in the hands of the Treasurer. All games played in violation of this section shall not count in the championship series.

The Admission Fees and Receipts.

SEC. 50. The general admission fee to all championship games shall be fifty cents, but each club shall designate a part of its grounds, and provide seats thereon, the admission fee to which shall be twenty-five cents. All division of percentages shall be made on the basis of fifty cents, except as to that part of the grounds the admission fee to which is fixed at twenty-five cents, and as to such part of said grounds all divisions of percentage shall be on the basis of twenty-five cents.

. At the conclusion of each championship game the home club shall deliver to the representative of the visiting club and transmit by mail to the President or other designated officials of the visiting club a detailed statement of the receipts of said game, which must include all fifty-cent and twenty-five-cent admissions, and shall pay to the visiting club fifty per centum of said receipts.

The Ball Park.

SEC. 51. Each park shall be provided with a sufficient number of exits and entrances for the accommodation of the public, and a separate entrance shall be maintained for the convenience of the press representatives and those entitled to the courtesies of the grounds.

1. Additional entrances may be opened upon holidays, provided the visiting clubs shall be given at least ten days' notice of the whole number and their locations.

2. Emergency gates may be opened at any time by consent of the visiting club.

3. Each park shall be provided with proper and suitable dressing room or rooms for visiting players, supplied with toilet conveniences, hot and cold water, and shower baths, and twenty suitable lockers for such players. Such dressing rooms shall be properly heated and cared for, and made subject to the control during their occupancy thereof, of the players of the visiting club. The penalty for failure to provide and maintain such dressing rooms in accordance with this section shall be \$25 for each day of violation of any or all of these provisions, the same to be assessed and collected by the Secretary of the League upon complaint of the visiting club.

4. A visiting club shall not be permitted to convey its players to or from the grounds of any other club in uniform unless special permission therefor has been first granted by the President of the League, or some great emergency arises to warrant it. A violation of this rule shall be punishable by the infliction of a fine of \$50 for each day the rule is violated.

The Turnstile Count.

SEC. 52. The number of persons admitted to the grounds shall be determined by the use of the necessary number of self-registering turnstiles, the arms of which shall extend within four inches of a dividing partition. The keys to these turnstiles shall be delivered before the opening of the grounds for each game to the agent of the visiting club, who shall have full access to such turnstiles. The box of such turnstiles shall not be removed until after the close of the seventh inning, and in case a carriage gate is used a ticket for each person admitted through such gate shall at once be delivered to the agent of the visiting club. The visiting club shall have the right to accept the turnstile count at each game or to count all tickets. Each club shall be required to use admission tickets, with rain checks attached which have been approved by the League. At the conclusion of each game the visiting club shall be furnished a copy of the ticket sale statement.

Special Entrance.

SEC. 53. No person shall be admitted free to a championship game, except players and officers of contesting

clubs, umpires, policemen in uniform, necessary employes of the home club, representatives of the press and such invited guests as the President of the home club may deem proper to recognize, all of whom must pass through a self-registering turnstile at the special entrance provided for the press. Said turnstile shall be subject to the same right of inspection by the visiting club that is provided in all other entrances. It shall be the duty of the President of the League to inspect all ball parks from time to time, and to report to the Board any failure to comply with this or any other section of the Constitution.

Stopping Play to Catch Trains.

SEC. 54. On any day when either club is required to leave a city in order to reach the next city, where it is scheduled, in time to play its next game at the customary hour, the home club shall be compelled, upon proper notice by the visiting club, to begin the game three hours and a half before the time of the departure of the last train on which either club can reach its next scheduled point in time; and either club may leave the field at any time within one hour of said train time without forfeiting any rights or privileges, after five innings on each side have been played, the umpire to be the sole judge of the time.

Rain Checks.

SEC. 55. In the event of a game being stopped by rain or declared forfeited before the required number of innings to make it a legal game have been played under the provisions of rule 27 of the Playing Rules, rain checks shall become valid and exchangeable at any time during the current season, and the visiting club shall not be entitled to its percentage of receipts.

Forfeited Games.

SEC. 56. A club shall be entitled to forfeited games—to count in its series as games won by a score of nine runs to none—in case where the umpire in any championship game shall award the game to such club on account of the violation by the opposing club of any section of this Constitution or of any Playing Rules. In the event of a forfeiture for any reason, the forfeiting club shall incur such penalty not exceeding \$1,000 as may be imposed by the Board after a hearing held within one week

from the date of such game, and any damages suffered by the non-offending club shall be paid out of such penalty. In addition to the penalty on the offending club, the captain or manager, or person in charge of the offending team and responsible for the team leaving the field, shall incur a fine of \$100, which shall be paid within five days to the Secretary of the League, said penalty not to be remitted under any circumstances. In case such penalties are not paid within the time prescribed in this section, the club, manager, or player penalized cannot participate in a championship game.

Drawn Games.

SEC. 57. Drawn, tie and postponed games shall not count in a series as games, but must be played off, if possible, as provided in Section 47. Such games, if drawn or tied shall be included in the official batting, fielding and pitching averages. If they cannot be played off, as therein provided, they may subsequently be played off, if sufficient time exists before the close of the season. Double games for one admission shall not be permitted unless previously scheduled as such or rendered compulsory by the playing off of postponed games, as provided in Section 47.

Winning the Pennant.

SEC. 58. The club which shall have won the greatest percentage of games in all its championship series shall be declared the champion club of this League for the season in which such games were played. In the event that two or more clubs shall have won the same percentage of games during the championship season, the Board shall at once arrange a special series of three games between such clubs, to be played at the close of the championship season, and the games so played shall be included in the championship record, and counted in determining the award of the championship. In such case only the provisions of this Constitution prohibiting the playing or recording as championship games, of games played after the expiration of the championship season, shall have no effect. The emblem of the championship shall be a pennant of the National colors, to cost not less than \$100, inscribed with the motto, "CHAMPION BASE BALL CLUB OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE," with the name of the club and the year in which the title was

won. The champion club shall be entitled to fly the pennant until the close of the ensuing year.

Deciding the Championship.

SEC. 59. The championship shall be decided in the following manner: Within twenty-four hours after every game played for the championship, the official scorer of the home club shall prepare and forward to the Secretary of the League a statement containing the full score of the game, according to the system specified in the Playing Rules, together with date, the place where played, the names of the clubs and umpires; provided that no tie or drawn game shall be considered a game for any purpose except in compiling the individual and team averages; provided further, that in any case the Secretary shall not receive the score of a championship game within five days after the playing of such game, the club whose duty it is to forward such score shall pay to the League the sum of \$2 as the penalty of such default. At the close of the season the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of the games won and lost by each club, according to the reports so sent him, which shall be the sole evidence in the matter, and submit the same, with the statement so sent him, to the Board, which shall make the award in writing, and report the same to the League at its annual meeting.

In making the award the Board shall consider:

1. The tabular statement of the Secretary.
2. Forfeited games.
3. Games participated in by clubs which have withdrawn, disbanded, or forfeited their membership without completing their championship series with all other league clubs. Such games shall be counted to the following extent:

The Board shall ascertain the least number of championship games played by such retired club with any club remaining in the League, and shall from the first game participated in during the championship series by such retired club, count in the series of each league club a similar number of games, and all other games participated in by and with such retired club, shall not be counted in the championship series; provided, that if such retired club shall have failed to play at least one championship game with every league club, all games participated in by it shall be thrown out entirely.

Meetings.

SEC. 60. The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the second Tuesday in December of each year at two o'clock P. M. in New York City. Adjourned sessions of the annual meeting may be held at other places and at such times as shall be determined by resolution of the National League or its Board from time to time. The schedule meeting shall be held annually in New York City on the second Tuesday in February.

SEC. 61. Special meetings may be called by the President of the League and on the written call of six clubs, or a majority of the Board, at such times and places as they may from time to time determine.

Club Representation.

SEC. 62. At every meeting each club shall be entitled to two representatives, and to have in addition thereto any of its officers or ex-officers present; but no club shall be permitted to send as a representative any person under contract or engagement to it as a ball player or manager. If requested by any other club representative, a representative shall present a certificate of appointment duly attested by at least two officers of his club showing his authority to act, but no club shall have more than one vote, and provided further, that no club shall be represented by any person or persons who have been found guilty by this League of any act bringing into disrepute the National League, or the National Game.

Executive Session.

SEC. 63. The League may, upon a majority vote of its members, go into executive session for the transaction of its business, and during such session no club shall be entitled to more than two representatives. A fine shall be imposed by the Board upon any club whose representative or representatives make public the subject-matter of executive proceedings.

Quorum.

SEC. 64. A representation of a majority of clubs shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained. When obtained a quorum may be maintained by locking the doors of the meeting room,

the appointment of doorkeepers and such other procedures usual in parliamentary bodies to maintain quorums and dispatch business.

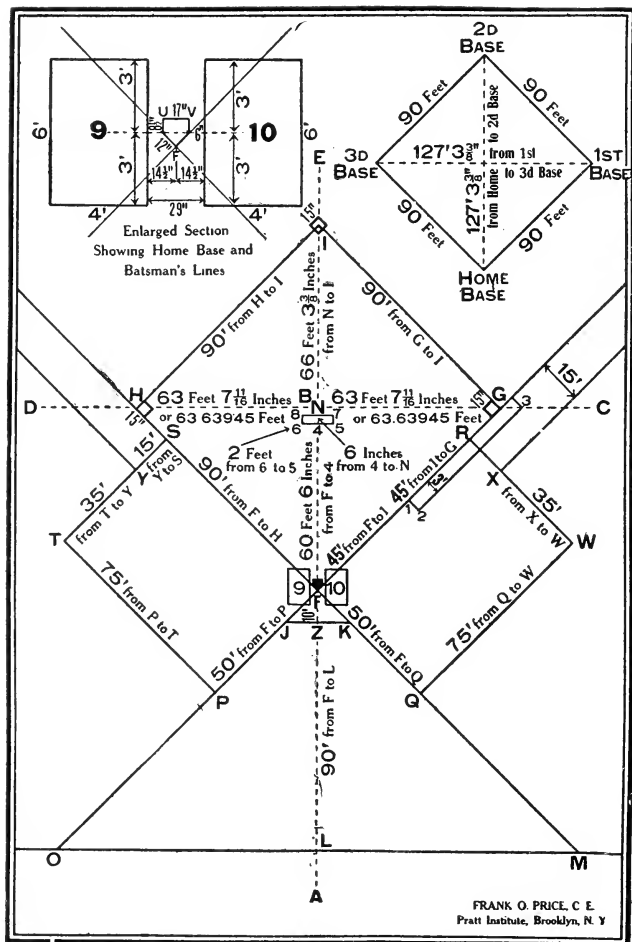
Order of Business.

SEC. 65. The following shall be the order of business unless suspended by a three-fourths vote of the club members:

1. Reading minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of Board of Directors.
3. Report of Committees.
4. Report of President.
5. Election of New Members.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Amendment of Constitution.
8. Consideration of Playing Rules.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Adjournment.

Amendments.

SEC. 66. Sections 3, 8, 9, 31, 40, 50 and 66 shall not be altered or amended at any time, except by a unanimous vote of all of the clubs of the League. All other sections may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of the League at any annual meeting or adjourned session thereof, or by a unanimous vote at any other time; provided further, that any section may be suspended and rendered non-applicable, except the sections herein referred to, by a three-fourths vote of the League at any annual meeting or adjourned session thereof, or by a unanimous vote at any other time. Provided, however, that no amendment to this Constitution shall be made unless the proposed amendment, in writing, is filed with the Secretary at least fifteen days before a meeting at which it is to be considered and a copy thereof sent by registered mail to each club owner at least ten days before such meeting.



OFFICIAL MEASUREMENTS FOR LAYING OUT A BASE BALL FIELD.

Official Playing Rules Professional Base Ball Clubs

As adopted at the meeting of the Joint Playing Rules Committee of the National League and the American League, held at National League Headquarters, New York City, March 2, 1904. Amended February 14, 1906, February 25, 1907; February 27, 1908; February 17, 1909; January 24, 1910, and February 13, 1914.

These Rules have also been adopted by
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL LEAGUES.

The Ball Ground.

RULE 1. The ball ground must be enclosed. To obviate the necessity for ground rules, the shortest distance from a fence or stand on fair territory to the home base should be 235 feet and from home base to the grand stand 90 feet.

To Lay off the Field.

RULE 2. To lay off the lines defining the location of the several bases, the catcher's and the pitcher's position and to establish the boundaries required in playing the game of base ball, proceed as follows:

. Diamond or Infield.

From a point, A, within the grounds, project a straight line out into the field, and at a point, B, 154 feet from point A, lay off lines BC and BD at right angles to the line AB; then, with B as a center and 63.63945 feet as a radius, describe arcs cutting the lines BA at F and BC at G, BD at H and BE at I. Draw lines FG, GI, IH, and HF, each 90 feet in length, which said lines shall be the containing lines of the Diamond or Infield.

The Catcher's Lines.

RULE 3. SECTION 1. With F as a center and 10 feet radius, describe an arc cutting line FA at Z and draw lines ZJ and ZK at right angles to FA, and continue each out from FA not less than 10 feet.

SEC. 2. With F as a center and 90 feet radius describe an arc cutting FA at L and draw lines LM and LO at right angles to FA, and continue each out from FL not less than 90 feet, to form the back-stop line.

The Foul Lines.

RULE 4. From the intersection point, F, continue the straight lines GF and HF until they intersect the lines LO and LM, and then from the points G and H in the opposite direction until they reach the boundary lines of the ground, and said lines shall be clearly visible from any part of the diamond, and no wood or other hard substance shall be used in the construction of such lines.

The Players' Lines.

RULE 5. With F as center and 50 feet radius, describe arcs cutting lines FO and FM at P and Q; then, with F as center again and 75 feet radius, describe arcs cutting FG and FH at R and S; then, from the points P, Q, R and S draw lines at right angles to the lines FO, FM, FG and FH, and continue the same until they intersect at the points W and T.

The Coachers' Lines.

RULE 6. With R and S as centers and 15 feet radius, describe arcs cutting the lines RW and ST at X and Y and from the points X and Y draw lines parallel with the lines FG and FH and continue same out to the boundary lines of the ground.

The Three-Foot Line.

RULE 7. With F as a center and 45 feet radius, describe an arc cutting the line FG at the figure one (1) and from the figure one (1) to the distance of three feet draw a line at right angles to FG, and mark point 2; then from point 2 draw a line parallel with the line FG to a point three feet beyond the point G, marked 3; then from the point 3 draw a line at right angles to line 2, 3, back to and intersecting with FG.

The Batsman's Lines.

RULE 8. On either side of the line AFB describe a rectangle six feet long and four feet wide (marked 9 and 10, respectively). The longest side of each rectangle shall be parallel with the line AFB and the rectangles shall be 20 inches apart or $14\frac{1}{2}$ inches on either side of line AFB. The middle of the long side of each rectangle shall be on a line with the middle corners of home base.

The Pitcher's Plate.

RULE 9. SECTION 1. From point F measure along line FE a distance of 60 feet 6 inches to point 4, which marks the front of the pitcher's plate. Draw a line 5, 6, passing through point 4 at right angles to F 4, and extending 12 inches on either side of line F B; then with line 5, 6, as a side, describe a rectangle 24 inches by 6 inches in which shall be placed the pitcher's plate.

SEC. 2. The pitcher's plate shall not be more than 15 inches higher than the base lines or the home plate, which shall be level with the surface of the field, and the slope from the pitcher's plate to every base line and the home plate shall be gradual.

The Bases.

RULE 10. SECTION 1. Within the angle F, describe a five-sided figure, two of the sides of which shall coincide with the lines F G and F H to the extent of 12 inches each, thence parallel with the line F B $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches to the points U and V a straight line between which, 17 inches long, will form the front of the home base or plate.

SEC. 2. Within the angles at G and H describe squares, whose sides are 15 inches in length, two of the sides of which squares shall lie along the lines F G and G I, I H and H F, which squares shall be the location of the first and third bases respectively. At point I, the intersection of G I and H I, describe a square 15 inches on each side, the center of which is directly over point I and whose sides are parallel to G I and H I. This shall locate second base.

RULE 11. The home base at F and the pitcher's plate at 4 must be each of whitened rubber, and so fixed in the ground as to be even with its surface. The size of the pitcher's plate shall be 24 inches by 6 inches.

RULE 12. The first base at G, the second base at I and the third base at H must each be a white canvas bag 15 inches square filled with soft material and securely fastened in place at the points specified in Rule 10.

RULE 13. The lines described in Rules 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 must be marked with lime, chalk or other white material, easily distinguishable from the ground or grass.

The Ball.

RULE 14. SECTION 1. The ball must weigh not less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. The Spalding National League Ball or the Reach American League Ball must be used in all games played under these rules.

SEC. 2. Two regulation balls of the make adopted by the league of which the contesting clubs are members, shall be delivered by the home club to the umpire at or before the hour for the commencement of a championship game. If the ball placed in play be batted or thrown out of the grounds or into one of the stands for spectators or in the judgment of the umpire, becomes unfit for play from any cause, the umpire shall at once deliver the alternate ball to the pitcher and another legal ball shall be supplied to him, so that he shall at all times have in his control one or more alternate balls. Provided, however, that all balls batted or thrown out of the ground or into a stand shall when returned to the field be given into the custody of the umpire immediately and become alternate balls and so long as he has in his possession two or more alternate balls, he shall not call for a new ball to replace one that has gone out of play. The alternate balls shall become the ball in play in the order in which they were delivered to the umpire.

SEC. 3. Immediately upon the delivery to him of the alternate ball by the umpire, the pitcher shall take his position and on the call of "Play," by the umpire, it shall become the ball in play. Provided, however, that play shall not be resumed with the alternate ball when a fair batted ball or a ball thrown by a fielder goes out of the ground or into a stand for spectators until the base-runners have completed the circuit of the bases unless compelled to stop at second or third base in compliance with a ground rule.

The Spalding League Ball has been adopted by the National League for the past thirty-nine years and is used in all the League contests. It has also been adopted by the majority of other professional leagues and by practically all the colleges.

For junior clubs (clubs composed of boys under 16 years of age) we recommend them to use the Spalding "Official National League" Jr. Ball, and that games played by junior clubs with this ball will count as legal games the same as if played with the Official League Ball.

Discolored or Damaged Balls.

SEC. 4. In the event of a ball being intentionally discolored by rubbing it with the soil or otherwise by any player, or otherwise damaged by any player, the umpire shall forthwith demand the return of that ball and substitute for it another legal ball, as hereinbefore described, and impose a fine of \$5.00 on the offending player.

Home Club to Provide Balls.

SEC. 5. In every game the balls played with shall be furnished by the home club, and the last in play shall become the property of the winning club. Each ball shall be enclosed in a paper box, which must be sealed with the seal of the President of the League and bear his certificate that the ball contained therein is of the required standard in all respects. The seal shall not be broken by the umpire except in the presence of the captains of the contesting teams after "Play" has been called.

Reserve Balls on Field.

SEC. 6. The home club shall have at least a dozen regulation balls on the field during each championship game, ready for use on the call of the umpire.

The Bat.

RULE 15. The bat must be round, not over two and three-fourth inches in diameter at the thickest part, nor more than 42 inches in length and entirely of hardwood, except that for a distance of 18 inches from the end, twine may be wound around or a granulated substance applied to the handle.

Number of Players in a Game.

RULE 16. The players of each club, actively engaged in a game at one time, shall be nine in number, one of whom shall act as captain; and in no case shall more or less than nine men be allowed to play on a side in a game.

Positions of the Players.

RULE 17. The players of the team not at bat may be stationed at any points of the field on fair ground their captain may elect, regardless of their respective positions, except that the pitcher, while in the act of delivering the ball to the bat must take his position

as defined in Rules 9 and 30; and the catcher must be within the lines of his position, as defined in Rule 3, and within 10 feet of home base, whenever the pitcher delivers the ball to the bat.

Must Not Mingle With Spectators.

RULE 18. Players in uniform shall not be permitted to occupy seats in the stands, or to mingle with the spectators.

Uniforms of Players.

RULE 19. Every club shall adopt two uniforms for its players, one to be worn in games at home and the other in games abroad, and the suits of each of the uniforms of a team shall conform in color and style. No player who shall attach anything to the sole or heel of his shoe other than the ordinary base ball shoe plate, or who shall appear in a uniform not conforming to the suits of the other members of his team, shall be permitted to take part in a game.

Size and Weight of Gloves.

RULE 20. The catcher or first baseman may wear a glove or mitt of any size, shape or weight. Every other player is restricted to the use of a glove or mitt weighing not over 10 ounces and measuring not over 14 inches around the palm.

Players' Benches.

RULE 21. SECTION 1. Players' benches must be furnished by the home club and placed upon a portion of the ground not less than twenty-five (25) feet outside of the players' lines. One such bench shall be for the exclusive use of the visiting team and the other for the exclusive use of the home team. Each bench must be covered with a roof and closed at the back and each end; a space, however, not more than six (6) inches wide may be left under the roof for ventilation. All players and substitutes of the side at bat must be seated on their team's bench, except the batsman, base-runners and such as are legally assigned to coach base-runners. Under no circumstances shall the umpire permit any person except the players and substitutes in uniform and the manager of the team entitled to its exclusive use to be seated on a bench.

Penalty for Violation.

SEC. 2. Whenever the umpire observes a violation of the preceding section, he shall immediately order such player or

players as have disregarded it to be seated. If the order be not obeyed within one minute the offending player or players shall be fined \$5.00 each by the umpire. If the order be not then obeyed within one minute, the offending player or players shall be debarred from further participation in the game, and shall be obliged to forthwith leave the playing field.

A Regulation Game.

RULE 22. Every championship game must be commenced not later than two hours before sunset and shall continue until each team has had nine innings, provided, however, that the game shall terminate:

SECTION 1. If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings.

SEC. 2. If the side last at bat in the ninth inning scores the winning run before the third man is out.

SEC. 3. If the game be called by the umpire on account of darkness, rain, fire, panic, or for other cause which puts patrons or players in peril.

Extra-Innings Games.

RULE 23. If the score be a tie at the end of nine (9) innings for each team, play shall be continued until one side has scored more runs than the other in an equal number of innings, provided, that if the side last at bat score the winning run before the third man is out in any inning after the ninth, the game shall terminate.

Drawn Games.

RULE 24. A drawn game shall be declared by the umpire if the score is equal on the last even inning played when he terminates play in accordance with Rule 22, Section 3, after five or more equal innings have been played by each team. But if the side that went second to bat is at bat when the game is terminated, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, the umpire shall declare the game drawn without regard to the score of the last equal inning.

Called Games.

RULE 25. If the umpire calls a game in accordance with Rule 22, Section 3, at any time after five innings have been completed, the score shall be that of the last equal innings played, except that if the side second at bat shall have scored in an unequal number of

innings, or before the completion of the unfinished inning, at least one run more than the side first at bat, the score of the game shall be the total number of runs each team has made.

Forfeited Games.

RULE 26. A forfeited game shall be declared by the umpire in favor of the club not in fault, in the following cases:

SECTION 1. If the team of a club fail to appear upon the field, or being upon the field, refuse to begin a game for which it is scheduled or assigned, within five minutes after the umpire has called "Play" at the hour for the beginning of the game, unless such delay in appearing, or in commencing the game be unavoidable.

SEC. 2. If, after the game has begun, one side refuse to continue to play, unless the game has been suspended or terminated by the umpire.

SEC. 3. If, after play has been suspended by the umpire, one side fails to resume playing in one minute after the umpire has called "Play."

SEC. 4. If a team employ tactics palpably designed to delay the game.

SEC. 5. If, after warning by the umpire, any one of the rules of the game be wilfully and persistently violated.

SEC. 6. If the order for the removal of a player, as authorized by Rules 21, 58 and 67, be not obeyed within one minute.

SEC. 7. If, because of the removal of players from the game by the umpire, or for any cause, there be less than nine players on either team.

SEC. 8. If, after the game has been suspended on account of rain, the orders of the umpire are not complied with as required by Rule 29.

SEC. 9. If, when two games are scheduled to be played in one afternoon, the second game be not commenced within ten minutes of the time of the completion of the first game. The umpire of the first game shall be the timekeeper.

SEC. 10. In case the umpire declare the game forfeited he shall transmit a written report thereof to the President of the League within twenty-four hours thereafter. However, a failure on the part of the umpire to so notify the President shall not affect the validity of his award of the game by forfeiture.

No Game.

RULE 27. "No game" shall be declared by the umpire if he terminates play in accordance with Rule 22, Sec. 3, before five innings are completed by each team. Provided, however, that if the club second at bat shall have made more runs at the end of its fourth inning than the club first at bat has made in five completed innings of a game so terminated, the umpire shall award the game to the club having made the greater number of runs, and it shall count as a legal game in the championship record.

Substitutes.

RULE 28. SECTION 1. Each side shall be required to have present on the field during a championship game a sufficient number of substitute players in uniform, conforming to the suits worn by their team-mates, to carry out the provisions of this code which requires that not less than nine players shall occupy the field in any inning of the game.

SEC. 2. Any such substitute may at any stage of the game take the place of a player whose name is in his team's batting order, but the player whom he succeeds shall not thereafter participate in that game.

SEC. 3. A base-runner shall not have another player whose name appears in the batting order of his team run for him **except** by the consent of the captain of the other team.

SEC. 4. Whenever one player is substituted for another, whether as batsman, base-runner or fielder, the captain of the side making the change must immediately notify the umpire, who in turn must announce the same to the spectators. A fine of \$5.00 shall be assessed by the umpire against the captain for each violation of this rule, and the President of the League shall impose a similar fine against the umpire, who, after having been notified of a change, fails to make proper announcement. Play shall be suspended while announcement is being made, and the player substituted shall become actively engaged in the game immediately upon his captain's notice of the change to the umpire.

Choice of Innings—Fitness of Field for Play.

RULE 29. The choice of innings shall be given to the captain of the home club, who shall be the sole judge of the fitness of the ground for beginning a game after a rain; but, after play has been called by the umpire, he alone shall be the judge as to the fitness of the

ground for resuming play after the game has been suspended on account of rain, and when time is so called the ground-keeper and sufficient assistants shall be under the control of the umpire for the purpose of putting the ground in proper shape for play, under penalty of forfeiture of the game by the home team.

THE PITCHING RULES.

Delivery of the Ball to the Bat.

RULE 30. Preliminary to pitching, the pitcher shall take his position facing the batsman with both feet squarely on the ground and in front of the pitcher's plate or on top of the pitcher's plate; and in the act of delivering the ball to the bat he must keep one foot in contact with the pitcher's plate defined in Rule 9. He shall not raise either foot until in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, nor make more than one step in such delivery.

A Fairly Delivered Ball.

RULE 31. A fairly delivered ball is a ball pitched or thrown to the bat by the pitcher while standing in his position and facing the batsman that passes over any portion of the home base, before touching the ground, not lower than the batsman's knee, nor higher than his shoulder. For every such fairly delivered ball the umpire shall call one strike.

An Unfairly Delivered Ball.

RULE 32. An unfairly delivered ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the pitcher while standing in his position and facing the batsman that does not pass over any portion of the home base between the batsman's shoulder and knees, or that touches the ground before passing home base, unless struck at by the batsman; or, with the bases unoccupied, any ball delivered by the pitcher while no foot is in contact with the pitcher's plate. For every unfairly delivered ball the umpire shall call one ball.

Delaying the Game.

RULE 33. **SECTION 1.** If, after the batsman be standing in his proper position ready to strike at a pitched ball, the ball be thrown by the pitcher to any player other than the catcher when in the catcher's lines and within 10 feet of the home base (except in an attempt to retire a base-runner), each ball so thrown shall be called a ball.

SEC. 2. The umpire shall call a ball on the pitcher each time he delays the game by failing to deliver the ball to the batsman for a longer period than 20 seconds, excepting that at the commencement of each inning, or when a pitcher relieves another, the pitcher may occupy one minute in delivering not to exceed five balls to the catcher or an infielder, during which time play shall be suspended.

SEC. 3. In event of the pitcher being taken from his position by either manager or captain, the player substituted for him shall continue to pitch until the batsman then at bat has either been put out or has reached first base.

Balking.

A balk shall be :

RULE 34. SECTION 1. Any motion made by the pitcher while in position to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it, or to throw to first base when occupied by a base-runner without completing the throw.

SEC. 2. Throwing the ball by the pitcher to any base to catch the base-runner without stepping directly toward such base in the act of making such throw.

SEC. 3. Any delivery of the ball to the bat by the pitcher while either foot is back of and not in contact with the pitcher's plate.

SEC. 4. Any delivery of the ball to the bat by the pitcher while he is not facing the batsman.

SEC. 5. Any motion in delivering the ball to the bat by the pitcher while not in the position defined by Rule 30.

SEC. 6. Holding of the ball by the pitcher so long as, in the opinion of the umpire, to unnecessarily delay the game.

SEC. 7. Making any motion to pitch while standing in his position without having the ball in his possession.

SEC. 8. Making any motion of the arm, shoulder, hip or body the pitcher habitually makes in his method of delivery, without immediately delivering the ball to the bat.

SEC. 9. Delivery of the ball to the bat when the catcher is standing outside the lines of the catcher's position as defined in Rule 3.

If the pitcher shall fail to comply with the requirements of any section of this rule, the umpire shall call a "balk."

Dead Ball.

RULE 35. A dead ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the pitcher, not struck at by the batsman, that touches any part of the batsman's person or clothing while he is standing in his position.

Ball Not in Play.

RULE 36. In case of an illegally batted ball, a balk, foul hit ball not legally caught, dead ball, interference with the fielder or batsman, or a fair hit ball striking a base-runner or umpire before touching a fielder, the ball shall not be considered in play until it be held by the pitcher standing in his position, and the umpire shall have called "Play."

Block Balls.

RULE 37. SECTION 1. A block is a batted or thrown ball that is touched, stopped or handled by a person not engaged in the game.

SEC. 2. Whenever a block occurs the umpire shall declare it, and base-runners may run the bases without liability to be put out until the ball has been returned to and held by the pitcher in his position.

SEC. 3. If a person not engaged in the game should retain possession of a blocked ball, or throw or kick it beyond the reach of the fielders, the umpire shall call "Time" and require each base-runner to stop at the base last touched by him until the ball be returned to the pitcher in his position and the umpire shall have called "Play."

THE BATTING RULES.

The Batsman's Position.

RULE 38. Each player of the side at bat shall become the batsman and must take his position within the batsman's lines (as defined in Rule 8) in the order that his name appears in his team's batting list.

The Order of Batting.

RULE 39. SECTION 1. The batting order of each team must be on the score card and must be delivered before the game by its captain to the umpire at the home plate, who shall submit it to the inspection of the captain of the other side. The batting order delivered to the umpire must be followed throughout the game unless a player be substituted for another, in which case the substi-

tute must take the place in the batting order of the retired player.

SEC. 2. When the umpire announces the pitcher prior to commencement of game, the player announced must pitch until the first batsman has either been put out or has reached first base.

The First Batsman in an Inning.

RULE 40. After the first inning the first striker in each inning shall be the batsman whose name follows that of the last man who completed his "time at bat" in the preceding inning.

Players Belong on Bench.

RULE 41. When a side goes to the bat its players must immediately seat themselves on the bench assigned to them as defined in Rule 21, and remain there until their side is put out, except when called to the bat or to act as coaches or substitute base-runners.

Reserved for Umpire, Catcher and Batsman.

RULE 42. No player of the side "at bat," except the batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the catcher's lines as defined in Rule 3. The triangular space back of the home base is reserved for the exclusive use of the umpire, catcher and batsman, and the umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of the pitcher or catcher, or passing between them while standing in their positions.

Fielder Has Right of Way.

RULE 43. The players of the side at bat must speedily abandon their bench and hasten to another part of the field when by remaining upon or near it they or any of them would interfere with a fielder in an attempt to catch or handle a thrown or a batted ball.

A Fair Hit.

RULE 44. A fair hit is a legally batted ball that settles on fair ground between home and first base or between home and third base or that is on fair ground when bounding to the outfield past first or third base or that first falls on fair territory beyond first or third base, or that, while on or over fair ground, touches the person of the umpire or a player.

A Foul Hit.

RULE 45. A foul hit is a legally batted ball that settles on foul territory between home and first base or home and third base, or that bounds past first or third base on foul territory or that falls on foul territory beyond first or third base, or, while on or over foul ground, touches the person of the umpire or a player.

A Foul Tip.

RULE 46. A foul tip is a ball batted by the batsman while standing within the lines of his position, that goes sharp and direct from the bat to the catcher's hands and is legally caught.

A Bunt Hit.

RULE 47. A bunt hit is a legally batted ball, not swung at, but met with the bat and tapped slowly within the infield by the batsman. If the attempt to bunt result in a foul not legally caught, a strike shall be called by the umpire.

Balls Batted Outside the Ground.

RULE 48. SECTION 1. When a batted ball passes outside the ground or into a stand the umpire shall decide it fair or foul according to where it disappears from the umpire's view.

SEC. 2. A fair batted ball that goes over the fence or into a stand shall entitle the batsman to a home run unless it should pass out of the ground or into a stand at a less distance than two hundred and thirty-five (235) feet from the home base, in which case the batsman shall be entitled to two bases only. In either event the batsman must touch the bases in regular order. The point at which a fence or stand is less than 235 feet from the home base shall be plainly indicated by a white or black sign or mark for the umpire's guidance.

Strikes.

A strike is:

RULE 49. SECTION 1. A pitched ball struck at by the batsman without its touching his bat.

SEC. 2. A fair ball legally delivered by the pitcher at which the batsman does not strike.

SEC. 3. A foul hit ball not caught on the fly unless the batsman has two strikes.

SEC. 4. An attempt to bunt which results in a foul not legally caught.

SEC. 5. A pitched ball, at which the batsman strikes but misses and which touches any part of his person.

SEC. 6. A foul tip, held by the catcher, while standing within the lines of his position.

An Illegally Batted Ball.

RULE 50. An illegally batted ball is a ball batted by the batsman when either or both of his feet are upon the ground outside of the lines of the batsman's position.

When Batsman is Out.

The batsman is out:

RULE 51. SECTION 1. If he fail to take his position at the bat in the order in which his name appears on the batting list unless the error be discovered and the proper batsman replace him before he becomes a base-runner, in which case, the balls and strikes called must be counted in the time "at bat" of the proper batsman. But only the proper batsman shall be declared out, and no runs shall be scored or bases run because of any act of the improper batsman. Provided, this rule shall not be enforced unless the out be declared before the ball be delivered to the succeeding batsman. Should the batsman declared out under this section be the third hand out and his side be thereby put out, the proper batsman in the next inning shall be the player who would have come to bat had the players been put out by ordinary play in the preceding inning.

SEC. 2. If he fail to take his position within one minute after the umpire has called for the batsman.

SEC. 3. If he make a foul hit other than a foul tip as defined in Rule 46, and the ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground; provided, it be not caught in a fielder's cap, protector, pocket or other part of his uniform, or strike some object other than a fielder before being caught.

SEC. 4. If he bat the ball illegally, as defined in Rule 50.

SEC. 5. If he attempt to hinder the catcher from fielding or throwing the ball by stepping outside the lines of the batsman's position, or in any way obstructing or interfering with that player; except that the batsman shall not be out under this section if the base-runner be declared out according to Section 15 of Rule 56.

SEC. 6. If, while first base be occupied by a base-runner, the third strike be called on him by the umpire, unless two men are already out.

SEC. 7. If, while attempting a third strike, the ball touch any part of the batsman's person, in which case base-runners occupying bases shall not advance as prescribed in Rule 55, Section 5.

SEC. 8. If, before two hands are out, while first and second or first, second and third bases are occupied, he hit a fly ball, other than a line drive, that can be handled by an infielder. In such case the umpire shall, as soon as the ball be hit, declare it an infield or outfield hit.

SEC. 9. If the third strike be called in accordance with Sections 4 or 5 of Rule 49.

SEC. 10. If he steps from one batsman's box to the other while the pitcher is in his position ready to pitch.

BASE RUNNING RULES.

Legal Order of Bases.

RULE 52. The Base-Runner must touch each base in legal order, viz., First, Second, Third and Home Bases; and when obliged to return while the ball is in play, must retouch the base or bases in reverse order. He can only acquire the right to a base by touching it, before having been put out, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order, or has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding base-runner. However, no base-runner shall score a run to count in the game ahead of the base-runner preceding him in the batting order, if there be such preceding base-runner who has not been put out in that inning.

When the Batsman Becomes a Base-Runner.

The batsman becomes a base-runner:
RULE 53. SECTION 1. Instantly after he makes a fair hit.

SEC. 2. Instantly after "Four Balls" have been called by the umpire.

SEC. 3. Instantly after "Three Strikes" have been declared by the umpire.

SEC. 4. If, without making any attempt to strike at the ball, his person or clothing be hit by a pitched ball unless, in the opinion of the umpire, he plainly makes no effort to get out of the way of the pitched ball.

SEC. 5. If the catcher interfere with him in or prevent him from striking at a pitched ball.

SEC. 6. If a fair hit ball strike the person or clothing of the umpire or a base-runner on fair ground.

Entitled to Bases.

RULE 54. The base-runner shall be entitled, without liability to be put out, to advance a base in the following cases:

SECTION 1. If, while the batsman, he becomes a base-runner by reason of "four balls," or for being hit by a pitched ball, or for being interfered with by the catcher in striking at a pitched ball, or if a fair hit ball strike the person or clothing of the umpire or a base-runner on fair ground before touching a fielder.

SEC. 2. If the umpire awards to a succeeding batsman a base on four balls, or for being hit by a pitched ball, or being interfered with by the catcher in striking at a pitched ball and the base-runner be thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.

SEC. 3. If the umpire call a "Balk."

SEC. 4. If a ball delivered by the pitcher pass the catcher and touch any fence or building within ninety (90) feet of the home base.

SEC. 5. If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of a fielder, unless the latter have the ball in his hand ready to touch the base-runner.

SEC. 6. If the fielder stop or catch a batted ball or a thrown ball with his cap, glove or any part of his uniform, while detached from its proper place on his person, the runner or runners shall be entitled to three bases if a batted ball or to two bases if a thrown ball.

SEC. 7. If a thrown or pitched ball strike the person or clothing of an umpire the ball shall be considered in play and the base-runner or runners shall be entitled to all the bases they can make.

Returning to Bases.

RULE 55. The base-runner shall return to his base without liability to be put out:

SECTION 1. If the umpire declares any foul not legally caught.

SEC. 2. If the umpire declares an illegally batted ball.

SEC. 3. If the umpire declares a dead ball, unless it be also the fourth unfair ball, and he be thereby forced to take the next base, as provided in Rule 54, Section 2.

SEC. 4. If the person or clothing of the umpire, while stationed back of the bat, interfere with the catcher in an attempt to throw.

SEC. 5. If a pitched ball at which the batsman strikes but misses, touch any part of the batsman's person.

SEC. 6. If the umpire be struck by a fair hit ball before touching a fielder; in which case no base shall be run unless necessitated by the batsman becoming a base-runner, and no run shall be scored unless all the bases are occupied.

SEC. 7. If the umpire declares the batsman or another base-runner out for interference.

SEC. 8. In any and all of these cases the base-runner is not required to touch the intervening bases in returning to the base he is legally entitled to.

When Base-Runners are Out.

The base-runner is out:

RULE 56. SECTION 1. If, after three strikes have been declared against him while the batsman, the third strike ball be not legally caught and he plainly attempts to hinder the catcher from fielding the ball.

SEC. 2. If, having made a fair hit while batsman, such fair hit ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground or any object other than a fielder; provided, it be not caught in a fielder's hat, cap, protector, pocket or other part of his uniform.

SEC. 3. If, when the umpire has declared "Three Strikes" on him while the batsman, the third strike ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground; provided, it be not caught in a fielder's cap, protector, pocket or other part of his uniform, or touch some object other than a fielder before being caught.

SEC. 4. If, after three strikes or a fair hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a fielder before he shall have touched first base.

SEC. 5. If, after three strikes or a fair hit, the ball be securely held by a fielder while touching first base with any part of his person before such base-runner touch first base.

SEC. 6. If, in running the last half of the distance from home base to first base, while the ball is being fielded to first

base, he run outside the three-foot lines, as defined in Rule 7, unless he do so to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball.

SEC. 7. If, in running from first to second base, from second to third base, or from third to home base, he run more than three feet from a direct line between a base and the next one in regular or reverse order to avoid being touched by a ball in the hands of a fielder. But in case a fielder be occupying a base-runner's proper path in attempting to field a batted ball, then the base-runner shall run out of direct line to the next base and behind said fielder and shall not be declared out for so doing.

SEC. 8. If he fail to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner described in Sections 6 and 7 of this rule, or in any way obstruct a fielder in attempting to field a batted ball, or intentionally interfere with a thrown ball; provided, that if two or more fielders attempt to field a batted ball, and the base-runner come in contact with one or more of them, the umpire shall determine which fielder is entitled to the benefit of this rule, and shall not decide the base-runner out for coming in contact with a fielder other than the one the umpire determines to be entitled to field such batted ball.

SEC. 9. If at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder, unless some part of his person be touching the base he is entitled to occupy; provided, however, that the ball be held by the fielder after touching him, unless the base-runner deliberately knock it out of his hand.

SEC. 10. If, when a fair or foul hit ball (other than a foul tip as defined in Rule 46) be legally caught by a fielder, such ball be legally held by a fielder on the base occupied by the base-runner when such ball was batted, or the base-runner be touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder, before he retouch such base after such fair or foul hit ball was so caught; provided, that the base-runner shall not be out in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the fielder hold it on said base, or touch the base-runner out with it; but if the base-runner, in attempting to reach a base, detach it from its fastening before being touched or forced out, he shall be declared safe.

SEC. 11. If, when the batsman becomes a base-runner, the first base, or the first and second bases, or the first, second and third bases be occupied, any base-runner so occupying a

base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, and may be put out at the next base in the same manner as in running to first base, or by being touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder at any time before any base-runner following him in the batting order be put out, unless the umpire should decide the hit of the batsman to be an infield fly.

SEC. 12. If a fair hit ball strike him before touching a fielder, and, in such case, no base shall be run unless necessitated by the batsman becoming a base-runner, but no run shall be scored or any other base-runner put out until the umpire puts the ball back into play.

SEC. 13. If, when advancing bases, or forced to return to a base, while the ball is in play, he fail to touch the intervening base or bases, if any, in the regular or reverse order, as the case may be, he may be put out by the ball being held by a fielder on any base he failed to touch, or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder in the same manner as in running to first base; provided, that the base-runner shall not be out in such case if the ball be delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the fielder hold it on said base or touch the base-runner with it.

SEC. 14. If, when the umpire call "Play," after the suspension of a game, he fail to return to and touch the base he occupied when "Time" was called before touching the next base; provided, the base-runner shall not be out, in such case, if the ball be delivered to the bat by the pitcher, before the fielder hold it on said base or touch the base-runner with it.

SEC. 15. If with one or no one out and a base-runner on third base, the batsman interferes with a play being made at home plate.

SEC. 16. If he pass a preceding base-runner before such runner has been legally put out he shall be declared out immediately.

SEC. 17. If a coacher at third base touch or hold a base-runner at third base or a base-runner who is rounding third base for home plate the umpire shall declare such base-runner out.

Overrunning First Base.

SEC. 18. The base-runner in running to first base may overrun said base after touching it in passing without incurring liability to be out for being off said base, provided he return at once and retouch the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, after over-

running first base, he attempts to run to second base, before returning to first base, he shall forfeit such exemption from liability to be put out.

SEC. 19. If, while third base is occupied, the coacher stationed near that base shall run in the direction of home base on or near the base line while a fielder is making or trying to make a play on a batted ball not caught on the fly, or on a thrown ball, or a fly ball, and thereby draws a throw to home base, the base-runner entitled to third base shall be declared out by the umpire for the coacher's interference with and prevention of the legitimate play.

SEC. 20. If one or more members of the team at bat stand or collect at or around a base for which a base-runner is trying, thereby confusing the fielding side and adding to the difficulty of making such play, the base-runner shall be declared out for the interference of his teammate or team-mates.

When Umpire Shall Declare an Out.

The umpire shall declare the batsman or
RULE 57. base-runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player be put out in accordance with any of these rules, except Sections 13 and 18 of Rule 56.

Coaching Rules.

A coacher may address words of assistance
RULE 58. and direction to the base-runners or to the batsman. He shall not, by words or signs, incite or try to incite the spectators to demonstrations, and shall not use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon a player of the opposite club, the umpire or the spectators. Not more than two coaches, who must be players in the uniform of the team at bat, shall be allowed to occupy the space between the players' and the coaches' lines, one near first and the other near third base, to coach base-runners. If there be more than the legal number of coaches or this rule be violated in any respect the umpire must order the illegal coacher or coaches to the bench, and if his order be not obeyed within one minute, the umpire shall assess a fine of \$5.00 against each offending player, and upon a repetition of the offense, the offending player or players shall be debarred from further participation in the game, and shall leave the playing field forthwith.

The Scoring of Runs.

RULE 59. One run shall be scored every time a base-runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall legally touch the home base before three men are put out; provided, however, that if he reach home on or during a play in which the third man be forced out or be put out before reaching first base, a run shall not count. A force-out can be made only when a base-runner legally loses the right to the base he occupies by reason of the batsman becoming a base-runner, and he is thereby obliged to advance.

UMPIRES AND THEIR DUTIES.

Power to Enforce Decisions.

RULE 60. The umpires are the representatives of the League and as such are authorized and required to enforce each section of this code. They shall have the power to order a player, captain or manager to do or omit to do any act which in their judgment is necessary to give force and effect to one or all of these rules, and to inflict penalties for violations of the rules as hereinafter prescribed. In order to define their respective duties, the umpire judging balls and strikes shall be designated as the "Umpire-in-Chief"; the umpire judging base decisions as the "Field Umpire."

The Umpire-in-Chief.

RULE 61. **SECTION 1.** The Umpire-in-Chief shall take position back of the catcher; he shall have full charge of and be responsible for the proper conduct of the game. With exception of the base decisions to be made by the Field Umpire, the Umpire-in-Chief shall render all the decisions that ordinarily would devolve upon a single umpire, and which are prescribed for "The Umpire" in these Playing Rules.

SEC. 2. He shall call and count as a "ball" any unfair ball delivered by the pitcher to the batsman. He shall also call and count as a "strike" any fairly delivered ball which passes over any portion of the home base, and within the batsman's legal range as defined in Rule 31, whether struck at or not by the batsman; or a foul tip which is caught by the catcher standing within the lines of his position, within 10 feet of the home base; or which, after being struck at and not hit, strike the person of the batsman; or when the ball be bunted foul by the batsman; or any

foul hit ball not caught on the fly unless the batsman has two strikes; provided, however, that a pitched ball shall not be called or counted a "ball" or "strike" by the umpire until it has passed the home plate.

SEC. 3. He shall render base decisions in the following instances: (1) If the ball is hit fair, with a runner on first, he must go to third base to take a possible decision; (2) with more than one base occupied, he shall decide whether or not a runner on third leaves that base before a fly ball is caught; (3) in case of a runner being caught between third and home, when more than one base is occupied, he shall make the decision on the runner nearest the home plate.

SEC. 4. The Umpire-in-Chief alone shall have authority to declare a game forfeited.

The Field Umpire.

SECTION I. The Field Umpire shall take
RULE 62. such positions on the playing field as in his judgment are best suited for the rendering of base decisions. He shall render all decisions at first base and second base, and all decisions at third base except those to be made by the Umpire-in-Chief in accordance with Sec. 3, Rule 61.

SEC. 2. He shall aid the Umpire-in-Chief in every manner in enforcing the rules of the game and, with the exception of declaring a forfeiture, shall have equal authority with the Umpire-in-Chief in fining or removing from the game players who violate these rules.

No Appeal From Decisions Based on Umpire's Judgment.

There shall be no appeal from any de-
RULE 63. cision of either umpire on the ground that he was not correct in his conclusion as to whether a batted ball was fair or foul, a base-runner safe or out, a pitched ball a strike or a ball, or on any other play involving accuracy of judgment, and no decision rendered by him shall be reversed, except that he be convinced that it is in violation of one of these rules. The captain shall alone have the right to protest against a decision and seek its reversal on a claim that it is in conflict with a section of these rules. In case the captain does seek a reversal of a decision based solely on a point of rules, the umpire making the decision shall, if he is in doubt, ask his associate for information before acting on

the captain's appeal. Under no circumstances shall either umpire criticise or interfere with a decision unless asked to do so by his associate.

Duties of Single Umpire.

RULE 64. If but one umpire be assigned, his duties and jurisdiction shall extend to all points, and he shall be permitted to take his stand in any part of the field that in his opinion will best enable him to discharge his duties.

Must Not Question Decisions.

RULE 65. Under no circumstances shall a captain or player dispute the accuracy of the umpire's judgment and decision on a play.

Clubs Can Not Change Umpire.

RULE 66. The umpire can not be changed during a championship game by the consent of the contesting clubs unless the official in charge of the field be incapacitated from service by injury or illness.

Penalties for Violations of the Rules.

RULE 67. **SECTION 1.** In all cases of violation of these rules, by either player or manager, the penalty shall be prompt removal of the offender from the game and grounds, followed by a period of such suspension from actual service in the club as the President of the League may fix. In the event of removal of player or manager by either umpire, he shall go direct to the club house and remain there during the progress of the game, or leave the grounds; and a failure to do so will warrant a forfeiture of the game by the Umpire-in-Chief.

SEC. 2. The umpire shall assess a fine of \$5.00 against each offending player in the following cases: (1) If the player intentionally discolor or damage the ball; (2) if the player fail to be seated on his bench within one minute after ordered to do so by the umpire; (3) if the player violate the coaching rules and refuse to be seated on his bench within one minute after ordered to do so by the umpire; (4) if the captain fail to notify him when one player is substituted for another.

SEC. 3. In cases where substitute players show their disapproval of decisions by yelling from the bench, the

umpire shall first give warning. If the yelling continues he shall fine each offender \$10.00, and if the disturbance is still persisted in he shall clear the bench of all substitute players; the captain of the team, however, to have the privilege of sending to the club house for such substitutes as are actually needed to replace players in the game.

Umpire to Report Violations of the Rules.

RULE 68. The umpire shall within twelve hours after fining or removing a player from the game, forward to the President a report of the penalty inflicted and the cause therefor.

RULE 69. Immediately upon being informed by the umpire that a fine has been imposed upon any manager, captain or player, the President shall notify the person so fined and also the club of which he is a member; and, in the event of the failure of the person so fined to pay to the Secretary of the League the amount of said fine within five days after notice, he shall be debarred from participating in any championship game or from sitting on a player's bench during the progress of a championship game until such fine be paid.

RULE 70. When the offense of the player debarred from the game be of a flagrant nature, such as the use of obscene language or an assault upon a player or umpire, the umpire shall within four hours thereafter forward to the President of the League full particulars.

Warning to Captains.

RULE 71. The umpire shall notify both captains before the game, and in the presence of each other, that all the playing rules will be strictly and impartially enforced, and warn them that failure on their part to co-operate in such enforcement will result in offenders being fined, and, if necessary to preserve discipline, debarred from the game.

On Ground Rules.

RULE 72. **SECTION I.** Before the commencement of a game the umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials of the game are strictly observed.

SEC. 2. In case of spectators overflowing on the playing field, the home captain shall make special ground rules to cover balls batted or thrown into the crowd, provided such rules be acceptable to the captain of the visiting club. If the latter object, then the umpire shall have full authority to make and enforce such special rules, and he shall announce the scope of same to the spectators.

SEC. 3. In all cases where there are no spectators on the playing field, and where a thrown ball goes into a stand for spectators, or over or through any fence surrounding the playing field, or into the players' bench (whether the ball rebounds into the field or not), or remains in the meshes of a wire screen protecting the spectators, the runner or runners shall be entitled to two bases. The umpire in awarding such bases shall be governed by the position of the runner or runners at the time the throw is made.

SEC. 4. The umpire shall also ascertain from the home captain whether any other special ground rules are necessary, and if there be he shall advise the opposing captain of their scope and see that each is duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these rules and are acceptable to the captain of the visiting team.

Official Announcements.

RULE 73. The umpire shall call "Play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of a game, announce "Time" at its legal interruption and declare "Game" at its legal termination. Prior to the commencement of the game he shall announce the batteries, and during the progress of the game shall announce each change of players. In case of an overflow crowd, he shall announce the special ground rules agreed upon, and he shall also make announcement of any agreement entered into by the two captains to stop play at a specified hour.

Suspension of Play.

RULE 74. The umpire shall suspend play for the following causes:

1. If rain fall so heavily as in the judgment of the umpire to prevent continuing the game, in which case he shall note the time of suspension, and should rain fall continuously for thirty minutes thereafter he shall terminate the game.

2. In case of an accident which incapacitates him or a player from service in the field, or in order to remove from the grounds any player or spectator who has violated the rules, or in case of fire, panic or other extraordinary circumstances.

3. In suspending play from any legal cause the umpire shall call "Time"; when he calls "Time," play shall be suspended until he calls "Play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run or run be scored. "Time" shall not be called by the umpire until the ball be held by the pitcher while standing in his position, except that this does not apply to Section 3, Rule 37 nor does it apply in case of fire, panic or storm.

Field Rules.

RULE 75. No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of a game except the players in uniform, the manager of each side, the umpire, such officers of the law as may be present in uniform, and such watchmen of the home club as may be necessary to preserve the peace.

RULE 76. No manager, captain or player shall address the spectators during a game except in reply to a request for information about the progress or state of the game, or to give the name of a player.

RULE 77. Every club shall furnish sufficient police force to preserve order upon its own grounds, and in the event of a crowd entering the field during the progress of a game, and interfering with the play in any manner, the visiting club may refuse to play until the field be cleared. If the field be not cleared within 15 minutes thereafter, the visiting club may claim and shall be entitled to the game by a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings has been played).

General Definitions.

RULE 78. "Play" is the order of the umpire to begin the game or to resume it after its suspension.

RULE 79. "Time" is the order of the umpire to suspend play. Such suspension must not extend beyond the day.

RULE 80. "Game" is the announcement of the umpire that the game is terminated.

RULE 81. "An inning" is the term at bat of the nine players representing a club in a game and is completed when three of such players have been legally put out.

RULE 82. "A Time at Bat" is the term at bat of a batsman. It begins when he takes his position, and continues until he is put out or becomes a base-runner. But a time at bat shall not be charged against a batsman who is awarded first base by the umpire for being hit by a pitched ball, or on called balls, or when he makes a sacrifice hit, or for interference by the catcher.

RULE 83. "Legal" or "Legally" signifies as required by these rules.

THE SCORING RULES.

RULE 84. To promote uniformity in scoring championship games the following instructions are given and suggestions and definitions made for the guidance of scorers, and they are required to make all scores in accordance therewith.

The Batsman's Record.

RULE 85. SECTION 1. The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game, but the exceptions made in Rule 82 must not be included.

SEC. 2. In the second column shall be set down the runs, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 3. In the third column shall be placed the first base hits, if any, made by each player.

The Scoring of Base Hits.

SEC. 4. A base hit shall be scored in the following cases:

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground on or within the foul lines and out of the reach of the fielders, provided the batter reaches first base safely.

When a fair-hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion, but such player can not recover himself

in time to field the ball to first before the striker reaches that base or to force out another base-runner.

When the ball be hit with such force to an infielder or pitcher that he can not handle it in time to put out the batsman or force out a base-runner. In a case of doubt over this class of hits, a base hit should be scored and the fielder exempted from the charge of an error.

When the ball is hit so slowly toward a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman or force out a base-runner.

In all cases where a base-runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, unless batted by himself, the batsman should be credited with a base hit.

When a batted ball hits the person or clothing of the umpire, as defined in Rule 53, Section 6.

In no case shall a base hit be scored when a base-runner is forced out by the play.

When a fielder after handling a batted ball, elects to try to retire a base-runner instead of the batter, the play is known as a "fielder's choice." In case the runner is retired, or would be retired but for an error, the batter shall be charged with a time at bat, but no hit. If the runner is not retired, and no error is made, the batter shall be charged with a time at bat, but no hit, provided he swung at the ball, and shall be credited with a sacrifice hit, provided he bunted the ball; if, however, in the judgment of the scorer the batter could not have been retired at first base by perfect fielding, he shall be credited with a base hit.

Sacrifice Hits.

SEC. 5. Sacrifice hits shall be placed in the Summary.

A sacrifice hit shall be credited to the batsman who when no one is out or when but one man is out, advances a runner a base by a bunt hit, which results in the batsman being put out before reaching first, or would so result if it were handled without error.

A sacrifice hit shall also be credited to a batsman who, when no one is out or when but one man is out, hits a fly ball that is caught but results in a run being scored on the catch, or would in the judgment of the scorer so result if caught.

Fielding Records.

SEC. 6. The number of opponents, if any, put out by each player shall be set down in the fourth column. Where the batsman is given out by the umpire for an illegally

batted ball, or fails to bat in proper order, or is declared out on third bunt strike, the put-out shall be scored to the catcher. In cases of the base-runner being declared "out" for interference, running out of line, or on an infield fly, the "out" should be credited to the player who would have made the play but for the action of the base-runner or the announcement of the umpire.

SEC. 7. The number of times, if any, each player assists in putting out an opponent shall be set down in the fifth column. One assist and no more shall be given to each player who handles the ball in aiding in a run-out or any other play of the kind, even though he complete the play by making the put-out.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who could complete the play fails, through no fault of the assisting player.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles or assists in any manner in handling the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put-out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly, and in such a way that a put-out results, or would result if no error were made by a team-mate.

Assists should be credited to every player who handles the ball in the play which results in a base runner being called "out" for interference or for running out of line.

A double play shall mean any two continuous put-outs that take place between the time the ball leaves the pitcher's hands until it is returned to him again standing in the pitcher's box.

Errors.

SEC. 8. An error shall be given in the sixth column for each misplay which prolongs the time at bat of the batsman or prolongs the life of the base-runner or allows a base-runner to make one or more bases when perfect play would have insured his being put out. But a base on balls, a base awarded to a batsman by being struck by a pitched ball, a balk, a passed ball or wild pitch shall not be included in the sixth column.

An error shall not be charged against the catcher for a wild throw in an attempt to prevent a stolen base, unless the base-runner advance an extra base because of the error.

An error shall not be scored against the catcher or an infielder who attempts to complete a double play, unless

the throw be so wild that an additional base be gained. This, however, does not exempt from an error a player who drops a thrown ball when by holding it he would have completed a double play.

In case a base-runner advance a base through the failure of a baseman to stop or try to stop a ball accurately thrown to his base the latter shall be charged with an error and not the player who made such throw, provided there was occasion for it. If such throw be made to second base the scorer shall determine whether the second baseman or shortstop shall be charged with an error.

In event of a fielder dropping a fly but recovering the ball in time to force a runner at another base, he shall be exempted from an error, the play being scored as a "force-out."

Stolen Bases.

SEC. 9. A stolen base shall be credited to the base-runner whenever he advances a base unaided by a base hit, a put-out, a fielding or a battery error, subject to the following exceptions:

In event of a double or triple steal being attempted, where either runner is thrown out, the other or others shall not be credited with a stolen base.

In event of a base-runner being touched out after sliding over a base, he shall not be regarded as having stolen the base in question.

In event of a base-runner making his start to steal a base prior to a battery error, he shall be credited with a stolen base and the battery error shall also be charged.

In event of a palpable muff of a ball thrown by the catcher, when the base-runner is clearly blocked, the infielder making the muff shall be charged with an error and the base-runner shall not be credited with a stolen base.

Definition of Wild Pitch and Passed Ball.

SEC. 10. A wild pitch is a legally delivered ball, so high, low or wide of the plate that the catcher cannot or does not stop and control it with ordinary effort, and as a result the batsman, who becomes a base-runner on such pitched ball, reaches first base or a base-runner advances.

A passed ball is a legally delivered ball that the catcher should hold or control with ordinary effort, but his failure to do so enables the batsman, who becomes a base-runner on such pitched ball, to reach first base or a base-runner to advance.

The Summary.

The Summary shall contain:

RULE 86. SECTION I. The score made in each inning of the game and the total runs of each side in the game.

SEC. 2. The number of stolen bases, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 3. The number of sacrifice hits, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 4. The number of sacrifice flies, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 5. The number of two-base hits, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 6. The number of three-base hits, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 7. The number of home runs, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 8. The number of double and triple plays, if any, made by each team and the players participating in same.

SEC. 9. The number of innings each pitcher pitched in.

SEC. 10. The number of base hits, if any, made off each pitcher and the number of legal "at bats" scored against each pitcher.

SEC. 11. The number of times, if any, the pitcher strikes out the opposing batsmen.

SEC. 12. The number of times, if any, the pitcher gives bases on balls.

SEC. 13. The number of wild pitches, if any, charged against the pitcher.

SEC. 14. The number of times, if any, the pitcher hits a batsman with a pitched ball, the name or names of the batsman or batsmen so hit to be given.

SEC. 15. The number of passed balls by each catcher.

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Special Meeting

OF THE

National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs

*Held at Headquarters, 8 West 40th Street, New York City,
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President JOHN K. TENER in the Chair; JOHN A. HEYDLER, Secretary; EDMUND J. MURPHY, Stenographer.

The clubs were represented as follows:

Boston—JAMES E. GAFFNEY and ROBERT DAVIS.

Brooklyn—CHARLES H. EBBETS.

Cincinnati—AUGUST HERRMANN and HARRY STEPHENS.

New York—H. N. HEMPSTEAD and N. ASHLEY LLOYD.

Philadelphia—WILLIAM F. BAKER and L. C. RUCH.

Pittsburgh—BARNEY DREYFUSS.

St. Louis—S. P. BRITTON.

A consideration of the facts and merits of the Sisler case consumed most of the time of the meeting.

Resolution adopted providing that all injured players shall be placed on a "Disabled List," and players on such list shall not be included in each club's roster of twenty-one men. Any player placed on Disabled List shall not be eligible to play in championship game for at least ten consecutive days.

Called at Boston, August 18, 1915.

Lack of quorum prevented a formal session. Informal discussion was had by members present. The primary object of this meeting was as a compliment to President James E. Gaffney and his associates of the Boston Club on the formal opening and dedicating of Braves Field, August 18.

Special Meeting
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Brooklyn—CHARLES H. EBBETS.

Cincinnati—AUGUST HERRMANN.

New York—H. N. HEMPSTEAD and C. J. SULLIVAN.

Pittsburgh—BARNEY DREYFUSS.

Meeting of the Board was called to decide whether the Pittsburgh or New York Club was entitled to the services of Pitcher Benton of Cincinnati. Only Messrs. Ebbets and Gaffney were eligible to review the evidence and vote on the case.

Both Directors agreed that the New York Club was entitled to the services of the player, but that Pittsburgh Club had acted in good faith in negotiating for the player and in pitching him against Chicago on August 17th, which game Pittsburgh won. It was decided that said game should be stricken from the records and the game replayed.

Annual Meeting

OF THE

National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs

Held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City,
December 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1915.

President JOHN K. TENER in the Chair; JOHN A. HEYDLER, Secretary; JOHN D. CARSON, Stenographer.

Called to order, first day, at 3:20 p. m.

Clubs represented as follows:

JAMES E. GAFFNEY and ROBERT H. DAVIS, representing the Boston National League Base Ball Company.

CHARLES H. EBBETS and EDWARD J. McKEEVER, representing the Brooklyn National League Base Ball Club.

CHARLES H. THOMAS, representing the Chicago League Ball Club.

AUGUST HERRMANN, HARRY STEPHENS and LOUIS C. WIDRIG, representing the Cincinnati Exhibition Company, operating the Cincinnati Ball Club.

HARRY N. HEMPSTEAD, C. J. SULLIVAN, N. ASHLEY LLOYD and JOHN B. FOSTER, representing the National Exhibition Company, operating the New York Ball Club.

WILLIAM F. BAKER, representing the Philadelphia National League Club.

BARNEY DREYFUSS, representing the Pittsburgh Athletic Company, operating the Pittsburgh Ball Club.

MR. S. P. BRITTON and MRS. S. P. BRITTON, representing the American Base Ball and Athletic Exhibition Company, operating the St. Louis Ball Club.

The report of the Board of Directors was received and approved, the same carrying with it the award of the 1915 championship to the Philadelphia Club.

The various financial reports of Treasurer John A. Heydler were received and approved.

President John K. Tener's annual report was read, and the recommendations made therein were considered and acted upon.

On motion, the Secretary cast the vote of the League for the following members of the Board of Directors for the ensuing year: Barney Dreyfuss, Charles H. Ebbets, August Herrmann, Harry N. Hempstead and James E. Gaffney.

Proposed amendment to Section 53 of the Constitution was laid over until the next meeting.

Section 25 was amended so as to provide for the deduction of salaries of players during periods of suspension.

Resolutions were adopted deploring the death of Albert G. Spalding, honorary member of this League. The same are recorded elsewhere in this volume.

The following Resolutions were also adopted on the death of Andrew Freedman, former President of the New York Club:

RESOLVED, *That the officers and members of this League have received with sorrow and regret the announcement of the recent death of*

ANDREW FREEDMAN,

the former President of the New York National League Club, and an ever zealous and trusted member of the Board of Directors of the National League;

RESOLVED, *That the members of this organization inscribe this tribute on its records, in memory of the departed, and in deep appreciation of his love of the National Game, of his sterling qualities, his force of character and marked executive ability, of his strict integrity and fairness, and his unswerving loyalty to those fortunate to count him as friend.*

The President appointed Messrs. Herrmann, Baker and Britton as the Committee on Constitution for the ensuing year. Mr. Dreyfuss was appointed as the President's proxy to prepare the 1916 playing schedule.

A tentative peace agreement between the National and American Leagues and the Federal League was considered, and, on December 17, Mr. Dreyfuss reported to the League the steps taken by him in submitting the peace proposal to the American League, in meeting assembled in Chicago.

Friday afternoon, December 17, a preliminary conference was held in which the members of the National Commission and special committees appointed by the National and American Leagues participated. Present at this conference were: August Herrmann, B. B. Johnson and John K. Tener, Commission members; John E. Bruce, Secretary of the Commission; Harry N. Hempstead, Barney Dreyfuss and James E. Gaffney of the National League Committee, and Charles A. Comiskey, Joseph J. Lannin, Benjamin S. Minor and Col. Jacob Ruppert, American League Committee. Others present were T. L. Huston, Charles H. Ebbets, William F. Baker, S. P. Britton, Charles H. Thomas, Edward J. McKeever, Robert H. Davis, John C. Toole, N. Ashley Lloyd and Louis C. Widrig. John A. Heydler acted as secretary and John D. Carson as stenographer.

At 9:10 p. m., December 17, there was convened a meeting between the parties representing the National Commission, the National and American Leagues, the National Association, and those representing the Federal League. Those present were: August Herrmann, B. B. Johnson and John K. Tener, and Secretary Bruce, of the National Commission; James A. Gilmore, Harry F. Sinclair, Charles Weeghman and C. W. Rasin, representing the Federal League; Joseph J. Lannin, Charles A. Comiskey, Benjamin S. Minor, Col. Jacob Ruppert, Charles Somers and Capt. T. L. Huston, representing the American League; James E. Gaffney, Robert H. Davis, John C. Toole, Charles H. Ebbets, Edward J. McKeever, Harry N.

Hempstead, N. Ashley Lloyd, John B. Foster, Barney Dreyfuss, Charles H. Thomas and S. P. Britton, representing the National League; Edward G. Barrow and John H. Farrell of the National Association of Minor Leagues, and Thomas Chivington of the American Association. John A. Heydler acted as secretary, and John D. Carson as stenographer. At this meeting the important points of the tentative agreement were adopted.

Later, at a meeting held in Cincinnati December 22, 1915, the formal peace agreement was signed, as result of which the St. Louis American and St. Louis Federal League clubs amalgamated, as did the Chicago National and Chicago Federal League clubs; the Federal League was eliminated, and harmony, stability and organization were thereby restored in the government of professional base ball.

Schedule Meeting
AND
Reconvened Annual Meeting
OF THE
**National League of Professional
Base Ball Clubs**

Held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City,
February 8 and 9, 1916.

President JOHN K. TENER in the Chair; JOHN A. HEYDLER, Secretary; EDMUND J. MURPHY, Stenographer.

Clubs represented as follows:

PERCY D. HAUGHTON and WALTER E. HAPGOOD, representing the Boston National League Base Ball Company.

CHARLES H. EBBETS, representing the Brooklyn National League Base Ball Club.

CHARLES H. WEEGHMAN, representing the Chicago League Ball Club.

AUGUST HERRMANN, THOMAS J. COGAN and LOUIS C. WIDRIG, representing the Cincinnati Exhibition Company operating the Cincinnati Ball Club.

HARRY N. HEMPSTEAD, C. J. SULLIVAN, N. ASHLEY LLOYD and JOHN B. FOSTER, representing the National Exhibition Company, operating the New York Ball Club.

WILLIAM F. BAKER and L. C. RUCH, representing the Philadelphia National League Club.

BARNEY DREYFUSS, representing the Pittsburgh Athletic Company, operating the Pittsburgh Ball Club.

MR. S. P. BRITTON and MRS. S. P. BRITTON, representing the American Base Ball and Athletic Exhibition Company, operating the St. Louis Ball Club.

The Boston Club was represented by its new President, Percy D. Haughton, in place of James E. Gaffney, who had

disposed of his interests in that club. Mr. Haughton also filled the vacancy on the Board of Directors, caused by the resignation of Mr. Gaffney.

The Chicago League Club was represented by Charles H. Weeghman, in place of Charles H. Thomas, retired by reason of the amalgamation of the Chicago Federal League Club with the Chicago National League Club.

Regular Schedule Meeting was first convened, Tuesday, February 8, at 4:05 p. m. The 1916 Playing Schedule was approved, and a vote of thanks tendered Mr. Dreyfuss for his work in drafting same.

The Regular Reconvened Annual Meeting was called to order immediately after adjournment of the Schedule Meeting.

President Tener announced the engagement of the following umpires for the season of 1916: Robert D. Emslie, William J. Klem, Charles Rigler, Henry O'Day, Mal W. Eason, William J. Byron, Ernest C. Quigley, Al Orth and Peter A. Harrison.

The pension paid the invalid sister of the late Harry C. Pulliam, former President of the League, was ordered continued for 1916.

The report of the Board of Directors was received and spread on the Minutes.

The peace agreement entered into with the defunct Federal League was considered and made part of the Record.

The question of restricting and regulating the complimentary passes was considered.

Section 14 of the Constitution, on motion of Mr. Dreyfuss, was amended, so as to confer upon the President of the League full power to dispose of protested games (see new Section 14, this volume).

Section 24 was eliminated, and Section 22 divided into two sections, Section 23 being made Section 24.

Section 25 was amended so as to include managers, and also to provide a penalty for violation (see italics, Sec. 25, this volume).

Proposition to increase the membership of the Board of Directors from five to eight was defeated.

Ordered that the playing fields of the eight clubs be surveyed by a competent engineer and the measurements certified to the President of the League.

Recommendation was made to the National Commission that Rule 1 of the Playing Rules be amended so that the shortest distance from a fence or stand on fair territory to the home base be 270 feet, instead of 235 feet, as now specified.

National Agreement amended, providing that the clubs of the National Association tender contracts to its players by March 1, instead of February 1, was approved.

A new system of rules for conducting the drafting of players, submitted by Mr. Ebbets, was approved, and was ordered submitted to the American League for consideration.

A resolution was passed opposing the so-called "barnstorming" trips by players after close of the championship season.

After adjournment, the National League tendered a banquet to over three hundred invited guests, in celebration of the League's fortieth year of uninterrupted life as a professional base ball organization. The banquet was given in the Astor Gallery of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, and was honored by the attendance of William Howard Taft, ex-President of the United States; by Morgan G. Bulkeley, the League's first President; by A. G. Mills, the third President, and by many others, leaders in the sport and business affairs of the nation. President John K. Tener presided as toastmaster. The event was considered the most notable in the forty-year history of the League.

Resolutions read and adopted at the Annual Meeting
of the National League, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel,
New York City, December 14, 1915.

RESOLVED, That the officers and members of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, and all kindred organizations connected and allied with the National Game, have suffered an irreparable loss in the death of one of base ball's pioneers and commanding figures, a former president of the Chicago club and an honorary life member of the National League,

Albert Goodwill Spalding

RESOLVED, That, when on September 9, 1915, he was removed suddenly from a field of earnest activity, the National Game was bereft of its heroic figure, the "Father and Savior of Base Ball" and the "Greatest Builder" in BaseBall, that the National League lost the inspiring leader among those men who took the first steps toward its organization;

RESOLVED, That he was in many respects the greatest man the National Game has produced, superlatively great as

Player, Manager, Owner, Councilor,

the first and greatest missionary and propagandist the game ever had, that he carved his name large and indelibly in the history of the game, which is his monument as long as the sport survives;

RESOLVED, That the National League will ever continue to cherish his constructive genius and executive ability and respect his memory for its recollections of a kind, genial, sympathetic nature; to admire his rugged integrity, severe honesty and ethical business methods; and that as a further mark of esteem and honor these resolutions be made a part of this league's record and that an engrossed copy be sent to his family.

CHARLES H. EBBETS,
BARNEY DREYFUSS,
HARRY N. HEMPSTEAD,
Committee.

Officers and Members

The following is an official list of the Officers of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs and Officers of Clubs members thereof for the season of 1916:

President,

HON. JOHN K. TENER,
8 West 40th Street Building,
New York, N. Y.

Secretary-Treasurer,

JOHN A. HEYDLER,
(Address as above).

Board of Directors,

BARNEY DREYFUSS,	CHARLES H. EBBETS,
AUGUST HERRMANN,	H. N. HEMPSTEAD,
• PERCY D. HAUGHTON.	

BOSTON NATIONAL LEAGUE BASE BALL COMPANY,

Braves Field, Boston, Mass.

PERCY D. HAUGHTON, President.

DAVID I. WALSH, Vice-President.

ARTHUR C. WISE, Treasurer.

WALTER E. HAPGOOD, Secretary.

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STEPHEN W. McKEEVER, Treasurer.

CHARLES H. EBBETS, JR., Secretary.

PITTSBURGH ATHLETIC COMPANY,

916-18 Farmers Bank Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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L. H. CONSTANS, Secretary.

THE CINCINNATI EXHIBITION COMPANY,

OPERATING

THE CINCINNATI BASE BALL CLUB,
Wiggins Block, Cincinnati, Ohio.

AUGUST HERRMANN, President.

HARRY STEPHENS, Secretary.

LOUIS C. WIDRIG, Treasurer.

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CHARLES WEEGHMAN, President.

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WILLIAM F. BAKER, President.

FREDERICK T. CHANDLER, Vice-President.

SAMUEL M. CLEMENT, JR., Secretary.

WILLIAM J. SHETTSLINE, Business Manager.

NATIONAL EXHIBITION COMPANY,

OPERATING

THE NEW YORK BALL CLUB,
200 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

H. N. HEMPSTEAD, President.

C. J. SULLIVAN, Vice-President.

N. ASHLEY LLOYD, Treasurer.

JOHN B. FOSTER, Secretary.

AMERICAN BASE BALL AND ATHLETIC EXHIBITION COMPANY,

OPERATING

THE ST. LOUIS BALL CLUB,
Robison Field, St. Louis, Mo.

S. P. BRITTON, President.

MRS. H. H. R. BRITTON, Vice-President.

W. G. SCHOFIELD, Secretary.

H. D. SEEKAMP, Treasurer.

Official Club Rosters of 1915

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PHILADELPHIA.

P. J. Moran, Manager.

Pitchers	G. C. Alexander	Al Demaree	Jos. Oeschger
	S. F. Baumgartner	Geo. McQuillan	E. Rixey, Jr.
	Geo. Chalmers	J. E. Mayer	Ben Tincup
Catchers	J. B. Adams	Edward J. Burns	Wm. Killifer
Infielders	Dave Bancroft	O. J. Duguey	J. A. Niehoff
	Robert Byrne	F. W. Luderus	Milton J. Stock
Outfielders	Reals Becker	George Paskert	Geo. B. Whitted
	C. C. Cravath	Harry Weiser	

BOSTON.

George Stallings, Manager.

Pitchers	Jesse L. Barnes	Thomas Hughes	D. C. P. Ragan
	Eugene Coereham	Wm. L. James	Richard Rudolph
	Richard Crutcher	Adolfo Luque	Paul Strand
	Geo. A. Davis, Jr.	Arthur N. Nehf	Geo. A. Tyler
	Otto Hess		
Catchers	Earl S. Blackburn	H. M. Gowdy	Walter Tragresse
	Bert Whaling		
Infielders	R. J. Egan	Fletcher Low	Maurice Shannon
	John J. Evers	Walter Maranville	J. Carlisle Smith
	E. H. Fitzpatrick	Charles Schmidt	
Outfielders	T. P. Cather	Joseph Connolly	J. H. Moran
	Edgar Collins	Lawrence Gilbert	Jos. Shannon
	Bash Compton	S. R. Magee	F. C. Snodgrass

BROOKLYN.

Wilbert Robinson, Manager.

Pitchers	Raleigh Aitchison	John W. Coombs	E. J. Pfeffer
	Edw. Appleton	W. G. Dell	D. C. P. Ragan
	Elmer Brown	Phil Douglass	G. N. Rucker
	Leon J. Cadore	Walter Mails	C. O. Schmutz
	L. R. Cheney	R. W. Marquard	S. M. Smith
Catchers	Lewis McCarty	Otto Miller	M. D. Wheat
Infielders	Geo. W. Cutshaw	John Karst	Oliver O'Mara
	J. E. Daubert	I. M. Olson	J. C. Schultz
	Gustave Getz		
Outfielders	R. J. Egan	A. R. Nixon	Zack D. Wheat
	John E. Hummel	Jas. D. Smyth	W. Zimmerman
	H. H. Myers	C. D. Stengel	

CHICAGO.

Roger P. Bresnahan, Manager.

Pitchers	Karl T. Adams	Bert Humphries	P. Standridge
	L. R. Cheney	Jas. S. Lavender	Jas. Vaughan
	Phil Douglass	Geo. T. Pierce	Robt. C. Wright
	Bradley Hogg	Edw. W. Schorr	G. W. Zabel
Catchers	James P. Archer	E. F. Hargrave	C. E. Wallace
	R. P. Bresnahan	Robert O'Farrell	

Infielders	J. M. Corriden R. T. Fisher Walter Keating A. G. McCarthy	"Polly" McLarry Edw. Mulligan Arthur T. Phelan	Victor S. Saier J. C. Schultz H. Zimmerman
Outfielders	John L. Fluhrer Wilbur Good	Pete C. Knisely J. J. Murray	F. M. Schulte Fred Williams

PITTSBURGH.

Fred C. Clarke, Manager.

Pitchers	Chas. B. Adams J. J. Conzelman A. W. Cooper Robt. G. Harmon	Carmen P. Hill E. L. Kantlehner Herbert Kelly Albert L. Mamaux	Geo. McQuillan Philip Slattery A. C. Vance
Catchers	George Gibson Wm. J. Wagner	Leo J. Murphy	Robert Schang
Infielders	H. D. Baird Walter Gerber W. R. Johnston	A. G. McCarthy Jas. E. McAuley W. P. Siglin	Jas. Viox John H. Wagner
Outfielders	Edward Barney Max G. Carey Fred C. Clarke Edgar Collins	Daniel Costello Harry Daubert Lewis Duncan S. A. LaJeune	Wm. Hinchman Fritz Scheeren Sydney Smith

ST. LOUIS.

Miller J. Huggins, Manager.

Pitchers	Leon K. Ames C. L. Boardman Wm. L. Doak D. D. Griner	Fred Lamline J. L. Meadows Richard Niehaus	Hub Perdue J. H. Robinson H. F. Sallee
Catchers	H. M. Glenn M. A. Gonzales	Jack Roche	Frank Snyder
Infielders	Zinn Beck Albert Betzel Arthur Butler	R. H. Daringer Rogers Hornsby M. J. Huggins	R. H. Hyatt John B. Miller
Outfielders	Bob Bescher Dan Brown	Albert J. Dolan Thomas Long	Jack Smith J. Owen Wilson

CINCINNATI.

Charles Herzog, Manager.

Pitchers	Leon K. Ames J. C. Benton C. R. Brown R. J. Callahan A. J. Cochran	Jean Deal Phil Douglass T. E. George Chas. B. Lear	Harry McCluskey F. G. McKenry Peter Schneider Fred Toney
Catchers	Thos. A. Clarke	Chas. S. Dooiin	Ivy B. Wingo
Infielders	Henry K. Groh C. L. Herzog Fred. Mollwitz	I. M. Olson W. K. Rodgers	A. H. Von Kolnitz Joe Wagner
Outfielders	John W. Beall T. H. Griffith	Wade Killifer Thos. W. Leach	G. F. Twombly K. R. Williams

NEW YORK.

John J. McGraw, Manager.

Pitchers	J. C. Benton Arthur Fromme Fred Herbert R. W. Marquard	C. Mathewson Emilio Palmere W. D. Perritt Wm. H. Ritter	A. J. Schauer Ferd M. Schupp Ralph Stroud Chas. M. Tesreau
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Catchers	C. S. Dooin B. W. Kocher John B. McLean	J. T. Meyers Robt. M. Schang	J. H. Smith L. C. Wendell
Infielders	Howard Baker Fred Brainard Larry Doyle	Benj. F. Dyer A. Fletcher Edw. L. Grant	Geo. L. Kelly John B. Lobert Fred C. Merkle
Outfielders	C. P. Babington M. H. Becker Geo. J. Burns	Merwin Jacobson J. J. Murray D. Robertson	F. C. Snodgrass James Thorpe

UMPIRES, 1915.

Wm. J. Byron	Robert D. Emslie	Henry O'Day	Charles Rigler
Geo. Cockill	Wm. F. Hart	Al. Orth	M. J. Stockdale
Mal Eason	Wm. J. Klem	E. C. Quigley	

OFFICIAL NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE, 1916

	AT BOSTON	AT BROOKLYN	AT NEW YORK	AT PHILADELPHIA	AT PITTSBURGH	AT CINCINNATI	AT CHICAGO	AT ST. LOUIS
BOSTON	Apr 12, 13, 14, 15 May 30, 31, Jun 1 Aug. 12, 14, 15	Apr 12, 13, 14, 15 May 30, 31, Jun 1 Aug. 12, 14, 15	May 4, 5, 6, 8 June 19, 20, 21, 22 Sept. 28, 29, 30	Apr 17, 18, 19 June 23, 24, 26, 27 Oct. 2, 3, 4, 5	May 13, 15, 16 July 11, 12, 13, 14 Aug. 28, 29, 30, 31	May 17, 18, 19, 20 July 15, 16, 17, 18 Aug. 20, 21, 22	May 10, 11, 12 July 7, 8, 9, 10 Aug. 24, 25, 26, 27	May 21, 22, 23, 24 July 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 Aug. 18, 19
BROOKLYN ..	Apr 20, 21, 22, 24 June 28, 29, 30, Jul 1 Sept. 8, 9, 11	Apr 29, May 1, 2, 3 July 3, 4, 5 Sept. 5, 6, 7	Apr 29, May 1, 2, 3 July 3, 4, 5 Sept. 5, 6, 7	Apr 25, 26, 27, 28 May 26, 27, 29 Sept. 1, 2, 4, 4	May 22, 23, 24, 25 July 19, 20, 21, 22 Aug. 17, 18, 19	May 10, 11, 12 July 7, 8, 9, 10 Aug. 24, 25, 26, 27	May 17, 18, 19, 20 July 15, 16, 17, 18 Aug. 20, 21, 22	May 13, 14, 15, 16 July 11, 12, 13, 14 Aug. 28, 29, 30
NEW YORK ..	Apr 25, 26, 27, 28 May 29, 30, 31 Sept. 1, 2, 4, 4	Apr 17, 18, 19 June 23, 24, 26, 27 Oct. 2, 3, 4, 5	Apr 17, 18, 19 June 23, 24, 26, 27 Oct. 2, 3, 4, 5	Apr 12, 13, 14, 15 May 30, 31, Jun 1 Aug. 12, 14, 15	May 9, 10, 11, 12 July 6, 7, 8, 10 Aug. 24, 25, 26	May 21, 22, 23, 24 July 11, 12, 13, 14 Aug. 28, 29, 30	May 13, 14, 15, 16 July 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 Aug. 18, 19	May 17, 18, 19, 20 July 15, 16, 17, 18 Aug. 20, 21, 22
PHILADELPHIA	Apr 29, May 1, 2, 3 July 3, 4, 5 Sept. 5, 6, 7	May 4, 5, 6, 8 June 19, 20, 21, 22 Sept. 28, 29, 30	Apr 20, 21, 22, 24 June 28, 29, 30, Jul 1 Sept. 8, 9, 11	Apr 12, 13, 14, 15 May 30, 31, Jun 1 Aug. 12, 14, 15	May 17, 18, 19, 20 July 15, 17, 18 Aug. 21, 22, 23	May 13, 14, 15, 16 July 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 Aug. 18, 19	May 21, 22, 23, 24 July 11, 12, 13, 14 Aug. 28, 29, 30	May 10, 11, 12 July 7, 8, 9, 10 Aug. 24, 25, 26, 27
PITTSBURGH..	June 15, 16, 17, 17 Aug. 8, 9, 10, 11 Sept. 23, 25, 26	June 2, 3, 5 Aug. 3, 4, 5, 7 Sept. 12, 13, 14, 15	June 6, 7, 8, 9 July 29, 31, Aug. 1, 2 Sept. 16, 18, 19	June 10, 12, 13, 14 July 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 20, 21, 22	June 10, 12, 13, 14 July 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 20, 21, 22	Apr 16, 17, 18 Apr 30, May 1, 2 June 30, July 1, 2 Sept. 3, Oct. 1	Apr 23, 24, 25, 26 May 7, 8 June 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 10	Apr 12, 13, 14, 15 May 26, 27, 28 Aug. 13, 14, 15, 16
CINCINNATI..	June 10, 12, 13, 14 Aug. 3, 4, 5, 7 Sept. 20, 21, 22	June 6, 7, 8, 9 July 29, 31, Aug. 1, 2 Sept. 16, 18, 19	June 2, 3, 5 July 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 12, 13, 14, 15	June 15, 16, 17 Aug. 8, 9, 10, 11 Sept. 23, 25, 26	Apr 27, 28, 29 May 30, 31, Jun 1 Sept. 1, 2 Sept. 29, 30	Apr 20, 21, 22 Jun. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 Sept. 4, 4, 5	Apr 20, 21, 22 Jun. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 Sept. 4, 4, 5	May 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 July 3, 4, 5 Sept. 8, 9, 10
CHICAGO	June 2, 3, 5 July 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 12, 13, 14, 15	June 15, 16, 17 Aug. 8, 9, 10, 11 Sept. 23, 25, 26, 27	June 10, 12, 13, 14 Aug. 3, 4, 5, 7 Sept. 20, 21, 22	June 6, 7, 8, 9 July 29, 31, Aug. 1, 2 Sept. 16, 18, 19	May 3, 4, 5, 6 July 4, 4, 5 Aug. 12 Sept. 7, 8, 9	Apr 12, 13, 14, 15 May 25, 26, 27, 28 Aug. 13, 14, 15	Apr 27, 28, 29, 30 May 1 May 29, 30, 31 Sept. 3, 30, Oct. 1	Apr 16, 17, 18 June 29, 30, July 1, 2 Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2, 2
ST. LOUIS	June 6, 7, 8, 9 July 29, 31, Aug. 1, 2 Sept. 16, 18, 19	June 15, 16, 17 Aug. 8, 9, 10, 11 Sept. 23, 25, 26, 27	June 10, 12, 13, 14 Aug. 3, 4, 5, 7 Sept. 20, 21, 22	June 2, 3, 5 July 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 12, 13, 14, 15	Apr 20, 21, 22 Jun. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 Sept. 4, 4, 5	Apr 23, 24, 25, 26 June 18, 19 Aug. 25, 26, 27, 28 Aug. 12	Apr 27, 28, 29, 30 May 1 May 29, 30, 31 Sept. 3, 30, Oct. 1	Apr 16, 17, 18 June 29, 30, July 1, 2 Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2, 2

National League

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

1871—Athletics .....	.759	1886—Chicago .....	.725	1901—Pittsburgh ....	.647
1872—Boston .....	.830	1887—Detroit .....	.637	1902—Pittsburgh ....	.741
1873—Boston .....	.729	1888—New York .....	.641	1903—Pittsburgh ....	.650
1874—Boston .....	.717	1889—New York .....	.659	1904—New York .....	.693
1875—Boston .....	.899	1890—Brooklyn .....	.667	1905—New York .....	.668
1876—Chicago .....	.788	1891—Boston .....	.630	1906—Chicago .....	.765
1877—Boston .....	.646	1892—Boston .....	.680	1907—Chicago .....	.704
1878—Boston .....	.683	1893—Boston .....	.667	1908—Chicago .....	.643
1879—Providence ....	.702	1894—Baltimore ....	.695	1909—Pittsburgh ....	.724
1880—Chicago .....	.798	1895—Baltimore ....	.669	1910—Chicago .....	.676
1881—Chicago .....	.667	1896—Baltimore ....	.698	1911—New York .....	.647
1882—Chicago .....	.655	1897—Boston .....	.795	1912—New York .....	.682
1883—Boston .....	.643	1898—Boston .....	.685	1913—New York .....	.664
1884—Providence ....	.750	1899—Brooklyn .....	.682	1914—Boston .....	.614
1885—Chicago .....	.770	1900—Brooklyn .....	.603		

STANDING OF CLUBS AT CLOSE OF SEASON.

Club.	Phila.	Bos.	Brook.	Chic.	Pitts.	St. L.	Cinc.	N. Y.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Philadelphia	14	9	14	10	15	13	15	90	62	.592	
Boston	7	..	14	10	15	9	15	83	69	.546	
Brooklyn	13	8	..	14	11	11	11	80	72	.526	
Chicago	7	12	8	..	13	12	13	8	73	.477	
Pittsburgh	12	7	11	9	..	10	10	14	73	.471	
St. Louis.....	7	12	11	10	12	..	8	12	72	.471	
Cincinnati	9	7	11	9	12	14	..	9	71	.461	
New York.....	7	9	8	14	8	10	13	..	69	.454	

Games remaining unplayed—At Boston, October 2, with Philadelphia; at New York, October 1, with Brooklyn; at New York, October 2, with Brooklyn; at Chicago, September 26, with Philadelphia; at St. Louis, September 17, with Boston (tie game).

INDIVIDUAL BATTING.

Following are the Official Batting Averages of National League players who participated in any manner in at least fifteen championship games during the season of 1915:

Name and Club.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	TB.	2B.	3B.	HR.	SH.	SB.	P.C.
Larry Doyle, New York	150	591	86	189	261	40	10	4	15	22	.320
Fred Luderus, Philadelphia	141	499	55	157	228	36	7	7	12	9	.315
Thos. Griffith, Cincinnati	160	583	59	179	254	31	16	4	23	6	.307
Wm. Hinchman, Pittsburgh	156	577	72	177	253	33	14	5	16	17	.307
Jake Daubert, Brooklyn	150	544	62	164	207	21	8	2	39	11	.301
Fred Merkle, New York	140	505	52	151	194	25	3	4	14	20	.299
Frank Snyder, St. Louis	144	473	41	141	183	22	7	2	9	3	.293
Jos. Connolly, Boston	104	305	48	91	121	14	8	..	7	13	.298
Davis Robertson, New York	141	544	72	160	206	17	10	3	14	22	.294
Thos. Long, St. Louis	140	507	61	149	226	21	25	2	14	19	.294
Edgar Collins, Pittsburgh-Boston	106	368	54	108	132	9	6	1	14	7	.293
Henry Groh, Cincinnati	160	587	72	170	229	32	9	3	31	12	.290
J. C. Schultz, Brooklyn-Chicago	63	128	14	37	44	3	2	..	2	3	.289
Thos. Clarke, Cincinnati	96	226	23	65	76	7	2	..	8	7	.288
E. Kantlehner, Pittsburgh	29	52	2	15	15	..	..	..	1	..	.288
R. T. Fisher, Chicago	147	568	70	163	210	22	5	5	42	9	.287
C. C. Cravath, Philadelphia	150	522	89	149	266	31	7	24	7	11	.285
Wm. Zimmerman, Brooklyn	22	57	3	16	18	2	..	..	1	1	.281
George Whitted, Philadelphia	128	448	46	126	152	17	3	1	28	24	.281
Sherwood Magee, Boston	156	571	72	160	224	34	12	2	23	15	.280
Albert Dolan, St. Louis	111	322	53	90	128	14	9	2	20	17	.280
John Coombs, Brooklyn	29	75	8	21	24	1	1	..	1	..	.280
Owen Wilson, St. Louis	107	348	33	96	130	13	6	3	17	8	.276
John Wagner, Pittsburgh	156	566	68	155	239	32	17	6	16	22	.274
Edw. Barney, Pittsburgh	32	99	16	27	32	1	2	..	4	7	.273

INDIVIDUAL BATTING—Continued.

Name and Club.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	TR.	2B.	3B.	HR.	SH.	SB.	PC.
Wade Killifer, Cincinnati.....	155	555	75	151	201	25	11	1	22	12	.272
George Burns, New York.....	155	622	83	169	233	27	14	3	9	27	.272
D. D. Griner, St. Louis.....	39	52	4	14	18	4	..	..	2	..	.269
Ham H. H. St. Louis.....	106	295	23	79	111	8	9	2	4	3	.268
Wheeler Johnston, Pittsburgh...	147	543	71	144	202	19	12	5	34	26	.265
Henry Zimmerman, Chicago.....	139	520	65	138	197	28	11	3	15	19	.265
J. C. Smith, Boston.....	157	549	66	145	193	34	4	2	19	10	.264
Charles Herzog, Cincinnati.....	155	579	61	153	190	14	10	1	20	35	.264
John Miller, St. Louis.....	150	553	73	146	189	17	10	2	24	27	.264
Victor Saier, Chicago.....	144	497	74	131	221	35	11	11	5	29	.264
Bob Bescher, St. Louis.....	130	486	71	128	169	15	7	4	15	27	.263
John Evers, Boston.....	83	278	38	73	82	4	1	1	21	7	.263
John J. Murray, N. Y.-Chicago.	96	271	32	71	93	7	3	3	6	8	.262
George Tyler, Boston.....	45	88	11	23	33	7	..	..	1	3	.261
Geo. Davis, Boston.....	15	23	2	6	7	1	..	..	1	..	.261
Milton Stock, Philadelphia.....	69	227	37	59	75	7	3	1	5	6	.260
Fred Mollwitz, Cincinnati.....	153	525	36	136	166	21	3	1	18	19	.259
Zack Wheat, Brooklyn.....	146	528	64	136	190	15	12	5	10	21	.258
Gus Getz, Brooklyn.....	130	477	39	123	149	10	5	2	10	19	.258
Fred Williams, Chicago.....	151	518	59	133	206	22	6	13	12	15	.257
James Viox, Pittsburgh.....	150	503	56	129	168	17	8	2	9	12	.256
Richard Egan, Brooklyn-Boston.	86	223	20	57	68	9	1	..	8	3	.256
E. J. Pfeffer, Brooklyn.....	40	106	8	27	32	3	1	..	1	..	.255
David Bancroft, Philadelphia...	153	563	85	143	186	18	2	7	23	15	.254
Arthur Fletcher, New York.....	149	562	59	143	183	17	7	3	17	12	.254
Max Carey, Pittsburgh.....	140	564	76	143	188	26	5	3	5	36	.254
Arthur Butler, St. Louis.....	130	469	73	119	144	12	5	1	16	26	.254
Wilbur Good, Chicago.....	128	498	66	126	168	18	9	2	8	19	.253
Charles Schmidt, Boston.....	127	458	46	115	161	26	7	2	21	3	.251
George Gibson, Pittsburgh.....	120	351	28	88	118	15	6	1	13	5	.251
Al. Betzel, St. Louis.....	117	367	42	92	112	12	4	..	13	10	.251
John Lobert, New York.....	106	386	46	97	123	18	4	..	15	14	.251
Martin Becker, New York.....	17	52	5	13	15	2	..	..	5	3	.250
Frank Schulte, Chicago.....	151	550	66	137	205	20	6	12	27	19	.249
H. H. Myers, Brooklyn.....	153	605	69	150	191	21	7	2	17	19	.248
H. H. Gowdy, Boston.....	118	316	27	78	105	15	3	2	5	10	.247
George Cutshaw, Brooklyn.....	154	566	68	139	175	18	9	..	21	28	.246
Beals Becker, Philadelphia.....	112	338	38	83	140	16	4	11	11	12	.246
Peter Knisely, Chicago.....	64	134	12	33	42	9	..	..	4	1	.246
Sherrod Smith, Brooklyn.....	29	57	7	14	18	4	..	..	1	..	.246
Rogers Hornsby, St. Louis.....	18	57	5	14	16	2	..	..	2	..	.246
P. Schneider, Cincinnati.....	48	94	9	23	35	2	2	2	6	1	.245
Oliver O'Mara, Brooklyn.....	149	577	77	141	173	26	3	..	23	11	.244
Walter Maranville, Boston.....	149	599	51	124	165	23	6	2	23	18	.244
George Paskert, Philadelphia...	109	328	51	80	114	17	4	3	28	9	.244
James Archer, Chicago.....	97	309	21	75	99	11	5	1	9	5	.243
K. R. Williams, Cincinnati.....	71	219	22	53	71	10	4	..	7	4	.242
Chas. Babington, New York.....	28	33	5	8	13	3	1	..	1	1	.242
Miller Huggins, St. Louis.....	107	353	57	85	100	5	2	2	8	13	.241
Edward Burns, Philadelphia...	67	174	11	42	47	5	..	..	..	1	.241
Bash Compton, Boston.....	35	116	10	28	40	7	1	1	3	4	.241
Alex. McCarthy, Pitts.-Chicago..	44	121	7	29	37	3	1	1	6	3	.240
Lewis McCarthy, Brooklyn.....	84	276	19	66	83	9	4	..	10	7	.239
W. K. Rodgers, Cincinnati.....	72	213	20	51	72	13	4	..	2	8	.239
Chas. Doolin, Cincinnati-New York	56	155	11	37	43	2	2	..	2	1	.239
J. E. Mayer, Philadelphia.....	43	88	7	21	28	2	1	1	5	..	.239
J. A. Niehoff, Philadelphia.....	148	529	61	126	163	27	2	2	20	21	.238
Wm. Killifer, Philadelphia.....	195	320	26	76	89	9	2	..	3	5	.238
Chas. Stengel, Brooklyn.....	132	459	52	109	162	20	12	3	14	5	.237
Zinn Beck, St. Louis.....	70	223	21	52	69	9	4	..	7	3	.233
Chas. Tesreau, New York.....	43	103	9	24	30	1	1	1	2	..	.233
John Meyers, New York.....	110	289	24	67	90	10	5	1	1	4	.232

INDIVIDUAL BATTING—Continued.

Name and Club	G.	AB.	R.	H.	TB.	2B.	3B.	HR.	SH.	SB.	PC.
James Thorpe, New York.....	17	52	8	12	17	3	1	..	..	4	.231
John Hummel, Brooklyn.....	53	100	6	23	31	2	3	..	5	1	.230
Miguel Gonzales, St. Louis.....	51	97	12	22	28	2	2	..	3	4	.227
Pete Standridge, Chicago.....	30	40	5	9	13	2	1	..	1	..	.225
Thos. Leach, Cincinnati.....	107	335	42	75	92	7	5	..	3	20	.224
Otto Miller, Brooklyn.....	84	254	20	57	73	4	6	..	9	3	.224
Louis Wendell, New York.....	20	36	..	8	11	1	1	..	1	..	.222
Ivey Wingo, Cincinnati.....	119	339	26	75	107	11	6	3	13	10	.221
Ed Fitzpatrick, Boston.....	105	303	54	67	92	19	3	..	14	13	.221
Bert Whaling, Boston.....	72	190	10	42	52	6	2	..	4	..	.221
Jean Dale, Cincinnati.....	49	91	3	20	22	2	..	..	8	..	.220
H. D. Baird, Pittsburgh.....	145	512	49	112	165	26	12	1	21	29	.219
Arthur Phelan, Chicago.....	133	448	41	98	137	16	7	3	18	12	.219
Dan Costello, Pittsburgh.....	71	125	15	27	33	4	1	..	1	7	.216
Fred Snodgrass, N. Y.-Boston...	103	331	46	71	82	11	..	..	10	11	.215
I. M. Olson, Cincinnati-Brooklyn	81	233	20	50	65	5	5	..	11	10	.215
G. N. Rucker, Brooklyn.....	19	42	2	9	10	1	..	..	..	..	.214
J. C. Benton, Cincinnati-N. Y....	45	76	3	16	19	3	..	..	3	1	.211
Robert Byrne, Philadelphia.....	105	387	50	81	95	6	4	..	15	4	.209
Edw. Grant, New York.....	87	192	18	40	44	2	1	..	3	5	.208
Ted Cather, Boston.....	40	102	10	21	32	3	1	2	7	2	.203
Jack Roche, St. Louis.....	46	39	2	8	10	..	1	..	1	1	.205
Roger Bresnahan, Chicago.....	77	221	19	45	58	8	1	1	4	19	.204
Fred Brainard, New York.....	91	249	31	50	64	7	2	1	3	6	.201
J. Herbert Moran, Boston.....	130	419	59	84	107	13	5	..	12	16	.200
Ferd. Schupp, New York.....	23	10	1	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	.200
Richard Rudolph, Boston.....	45	116	8	23	31	3	1	1	4	2	.198
Polly McLarry, Chicago.....	68	127	16	25	31	3	..	1	5	2	.197
G. F. Twombly, Cincinnati.....	46	66	5	13	15	..	1	..	1	5	.197
Geo. Pierce, Chicago.....	36	56	4	11	15	2	1	..	3	..	.196
Walter Gerber, Pittsburgh.....	56	144	8	28	30	2	..	..	3	6	.194
Alfred Von Kolnitz, Cincinnati..	50	78	6	15	21	4	1	..	1	1	.192
Joe Wagner, Cincinnati.....	75	197	17	35	44	5	2	..	5	4	.178
Robt. Schang, Pittsburgh-N. Y....	68	146	14	26	38	6	3	..	7	3	.178
Al Demaree, Philadelphia.....	32	68	6	12	13	1	..	..	3	..	.176
Wm. Doak, St. Louis.....	38	86	6	15	18	3	..	..	10	..	.174
Bert Humphries, Chicago.....	31	46	3	8	10	..	1	..	6	..	.174
C. Lear, Cincinnati.....	40	47	3	8	10	2	..	..	7	..	.170
Grover Alexander, Philadelphia..	49	130	9	22	28	3	..	1	5	..	.169
George Chalmers, Philadelphia..	26	59	..	10	13	3	..	..	2	..	.169
S. Lajenne, Pittsburgh.....	18	65	4	11	13	..	1	..	1	4	.169
Eppa Rixey, Philadelphia.....	29	55	3	9	10	1	..	..	5	..	.164
James Vaughn, Chicago.....	43	86	8	14	17	3	..	..	2	3	.163
A. L. Mamaux, Pittsburgh.....	38	92	3	15	16	1	..	..	5	..	.163
Wm. Perritt, New York.....	35	68	2	11	15	2	1	..	2	..	.162
Ralph Stroud, New York.....	32	56	2	9	9	..	..	..	3	..	.161
Edw. Appleton, Brooklyn.....	34	44	3	7	9	..	1	..	..	..	.159
George Kelly, New York.....	17	38	2	6	9	..	..	1	1	..	.158
E. Hargrave, Chicago.....	15	19	2	3	5	..	1	..	..	..	.158
C. Mathewson, New York.....	27	51	3	8	12	4	..	..	3	..	.157
O. J. Dughey, Philadelphia.....	42	39	4	6	7	1	..	..	1	2	.154
Wm. Dell, Brooklyn.....	40	66	4	10	12	2	..	..	2	..	.152
F. G. McKenry, Cincinnati.....	21	33	4	5	9	..	2	..	3	..	.152
Lawrence Gilbert, Boston.....	45	106	11	16	20	4	..	..	3	4	.151
D. C. P. Ragan, Brooklyn-Boston	38	86	8	13	15	2	..	..	1	..	.151
Lawrence Cheney, Chicago-Bklyn	30	47	2	7	7	..	..	..	2	..	.149
Bob Harmon, Pittsburgh.....	42	95	7	14	22	4	2	..	3	1	.147
Chas. B. Adams, Pittsburgh.....	40	85	4	12	13	1	..	..	2	..	.141
Harry Weiser, Philadelphia.....	27	64	6	9	11	2	..	..	5	2	.141
J. D. Smyth, Brooklyn.....	19	22	3	3	4	1	..	..	2	1	.136
James Lavender, Chicago.....	41	67	1	9	12	3	..	..	2	..	.134

INDIVIDUAL BATTING—Continued.

Name and Club.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	TB.	2B.	3B.	HR.	SH.	SB.	PC.
Phil. Douglas, Cin.-Bklyn.-Chi.	32	64	4	8	9	1	..	..	..	..	.125
Wm. Ritter, New York.....	22	16	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	.125
J. H. Smith, New York.....	21	32	1	4	6	..	1	..	..	..	.125
Harry Sallee, St. Louis.....	46	92	..	11	11	..	..	..	4	..	.120
Arthur Cooper, Pittsburgh.....	38	60	1	7	8	1	..	..	2	..	.117
Rich. Marquard, N. Y.-Brooklyn.	33	63	3	7	7	..	..	..	3	..	.111
Hub Perdue, St. Louis.....	31	36	2	4	4	..	..	..	1	..	.111
John B. Adams, Philadelphia...	24	27	1	3	3	..	..	..	2	..	.111
J. H. Robinson, St. Louis.....	32	47	1	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	.106
Thos. Hughes, Boston.....	50	90	4	9	14	2	..	1	5	..	.100
L. Murphy, Pittsburgh.....	31	41	4	4	4	..	..	..	1	..	.098
Lee Meadows, St. Louis.....	39	83	2	8	8	..	..	..	1	..	.096
Fred Toney, Cincinnati.....	36	74	2	7	7	..	..	..	4	..	.095
Leon Ames, Cincinnati-St. Louis	32	55	1	5	5	..	..	..	3	1	.091
Paul Strand, Boston.....	24	22	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	.091
J. Conzelman, Pittsburgh.....	18	11	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	.091
Stanwood Baumgartner, Phila..	18	12	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	.083
A. J. Schaner, New York.....	32	26	..	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	.077
George McQuillan, Pitts.-Phila...	39	67	3	5	5	..	..	..	4	..	.075
G. W. Zabel, Chicago.....	37	54	2	4	4	..	..	..	2	2	.074
Rich. Niehaus, St. Louis.....	15	14	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	.071
Karl Adams, Chicago.....	26	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	.000

NOTES.—Most runs, Cravath, Philadelphia, 89; stolen bases, Carey, Pittsburgh, 36; sacrifice hits, Fisher, Chicago, 42; home runs, Cravath, 24; three-base hits, Long, St. Louis, 25; two-base hits, Doyle, New York, 40.

Groh and Griffith of Cincinnati played 160 games (including 154 scheduled and 6 tie games), being the greatest number of games participated in by players in a regular National League championship schedule.

CLUB BATTING.

Club.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	TB.	2B.	3B.	HR.	SH.	SB.	PC.
St. Louis.....	157	5106	590	1237	1700	159	92	20	175	162	.254
Cincinnati	160	5231	516	1323	1730	194	84	15	192	156	.253
New York	155	5218	582	1312	1715	195	68	24	122	155	.251
Brooklyn	154	5120	536	1238	1625	165	75	14	175	131	.248
Philadelphia	153	4916	589	1216	1670	202	39	58	181	121	.247
Pittsburgh	156	5113	557	1259	1710	197	91	24	162	182	.246
Chicago	156	5114	570	1216	1749	212	66	53	182	166	.244
Boston	157	5070	582	1219	1615	231	57	17	194	121	.240

INDIVIDUAL FIELDING.

FIRST BASEMEN.

Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.C.	Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.C.
S. Magee, Boston..	21	178	10	..	.1000	H. Hyatt, St. Louis	64	616	21	6	.991
F. Mollwitz, Cin..	153	1545	79	7	.996	P. Merkle, N. Y....	110	1123	53	13	.989
J. Daubert, Bklyn..	150	1441	102	11	.993	F. Brainard, N. Y.	43	396	32	5	.988
F. Luderus, Phila..	141	1409	99	11	.993	C. Schmidt, Boston.	127	1221	60	17	.987
W. Johnston, Pitts.	147	1453	48	13	.991	V. Safer, Chicago..	139	1348	65	21	.985
J. Miller, St. Louis.	94	1000	50	10	.991	P. McLarry, Chic..	18	167	7	4	.978

SECOND BASEMEN.

H. Groh, Cin.....	29	63	80	4	.973	J. Viox, Pittsburgh	134	239	362	29	.954
G. Cutshaw, Bklyn.	154	397	473	26	.971	A. Phelan, Chicago.	24	61	64	6	.954
J. Miller, St. Louis	55	136	156	9	.970	L. Doyle, N. Y....	147	313	396	40	.947
E. Fitzpatrick, Bos.	71	135	160	10	.967	W.K. Rodgers, Cin..	56	96	170	15	.947
A. McCarthy, Pi-Chi	21	52	55	4	.964	J. A. Niehoff, Phila	148	307	411	41	.946
Joe Wagner, Cin....	46	99	122	9	.961	H. Zimmermann, Chi	100	211	267	29	.943
J. Evers, Boston....	82	170	209	16	.959	R. Egan, Boston....	22	39	59	6	.942
M. Huggins, St. L.	105	194	315	23	.957	I.M. Olsen, Cin-Bkn	41	88	126	14	.939
P. McLarry, Chic..	21	41	48	4	.957						

INDIVIDUAL FIELDING—Continued.

THIRD BASEMEN.

Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.P.C.	Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.P.C.
A. McCarthy, Pi.-Chi.	16	17	37	.. 1000	A. Phelan, Chicago.	110	136	203	22 .939
M. Stock, Phila....	55	62	106	5 .971	Al Betzel, St. Louis	105	105	221	22 .937
E. Grant, N. Y....	35	39	57	3 .970	Z. Beck, St. Louis..	62	59	127	13 .935
H. Groh, Cin.....	131	153	280	14 .969	A. Von Kolnitz, Cin.	18	9	19	2 .933
R. Byrne, Phila....	105	98	183	9 .969	W. Gerber, Pitts...	23	25	41	5 .930
G. Getz, Brooklyn.	128	140	290	22 .951	I. M. Olson, Cin....	15	17	34	4 .927
J. Lobert, N. Y....	103	109	192	16 .950	H. Zimmerman, Chi.	36	39	71	11 .909
J. C. Smith, Boston	157	170	292	26 .947	J. C. Schultz, Bklyn	27	43	41	10 .894
H. D. Baird, Pitts..	120	142	226	24 .939	F. Brainard, N. Y..	15	17	32	6 .891

SHORTSTOPS.

John Wagner, Pitts.	131	298	395	38 .948	R. T. Fisher, Chic.	145	277	434	51 .933
C. Herzog, Cin.....	153	391	513	53 .945	D. Bancroft, Phila.	153	336	492	64 .928
W. Maranville, Bos.	149	391	486	55 .941	R. Hornsby, St. L..	18	48	46	8 .922
A. Fletcher, N. Y..	149	302	544	58 .936	A. Butler, St. L....	125	232	346	53 .916
W. Gerber, Pitts...	21	56	58	8 .934	O. O'Mara, Bklyn..	149	319	431	78 .906

OUTFIELDERS.

E. Fitzpatrick, Bos.	29	43	1	.. 1000	C. Stengel, Bklyn..	129	220	13	10 .959
G. F. Twombly, Cin	24	30	2	.. 1000	T. Leach, Cin.....	96	200	9	9 .959
J. Hummel, Bklyn.	21	27	...	1000	D. Robertson, N.Y.	138	225	13	11 .956
O. Wilson, St. L....	105	234	20	4 .984	Z. Wheat, Bklyn...	144	345	18	18 .953
M. Carey, Pitts....	139	307	21	6 .982	T. Griffith, Cin....	160	225	11	12 .952
H. D. Baird, Pitts.	20	49	5	1 .982	K. R. Williams, Cin.	62	117	11	7 .948
S. Magee, Boston...	135	346	16	7 .981	C. C. Cravath, Phila.	149	233	28	15 .946
G. Whitted, Phila..	119	266	7	6 .978	E. Collins, Pitts-Bos.	93	223	12	14 .944
R. Egan, Boston....	24	36	2	1 .974	B. Becker, Phila....	98	177	5	11 .943
F. Merkle, N. Y....	30	68	5	2 .973	L. Gilbert, Boston..	27	28	4	2 .941
E. Barney, Pitts....	26	68	2	2 .972	P. Kniseley, Chic..	33	44	3	3 .940
B. Bescher, St. L..	129	257	12	8 .971	S. Lajeune, Pitts...	18	43	4	3 .940
J. Connolly, Boston	93	158	10	5 .971	W. Good, Chicago..	125	192	13	14 .936
B. Compton, Boston	31	66	2	2 .971	F. Snodgrass, NY-Bos	93	204	13	15 .935
W. Killifer, Cin....	150	339	17	11 .970	H. Hyatt, St. Louis	25	40	2	3 .933
G. Paskert, Phila..	92	181	10	6 .970	J. Thorpe, N. Y....	15	28	..	2 .933
W. Hinchman, Pitts	156	261	17	9 .969	A. Dolan, St. Louis	98	179	4	14 .929
F. Williams, Chic..	149	347	14	12 .968	T. Long, St. Louis	136	236	18	20 .927
H. H. Myers, Bklyn	153	352	23	14 .964	M. Becker, N. Y....	16	29	4	3 .917
J. H. Moran, Bos...	123	168	17	7 .964	T. Cather, Boston..	32	35	2	4 .902
J. Murray, N.Y.-Chi.	74	148	8	6 .963	H. Weiser, Phila....	20	26	..	3 .897
F. Schulte, Chicago	147	280	24	12 .962	D. Costello, Pitts..	22	24	1	3 .893
G. Burns, N. Y....	155	278	13	12 .960	W. Zimmerman, Bkn	18	19	..	3 .864

PITCHERS.

C. B. Adams, Pitts.	40	3	67	.. 1000	W. Doak, St. Louis	38	10	108	3 .975
J. H. Robinson, St. L	32	3	43	.. 1000	D. D. Griner, St. L.	37	3	35	1 .974
Al Demaree, Phila.	32	8	35	.. 1000	E. J. Pfeffer, Bklyn	40	9	62	2 .973
F. Schupp, N. Y...	23	1	15	.. 1000	R. Rudolph, Boston	44	8	92	3 .971
J. Lavender, Chic..	41	14	67	1 .983	L. Ames, Cin.-St. L.	32	5	61	2 .971
F. Toney, Cin.....	36	6	63	1 .986	H. Perdue, St. L..	31	1	32	1 .971
W. Dell, Brooklyn.	40	3	60	1 .984	J. C. Benton, Cin-NY	45	8	72	3 .964
C. Mathewson, N. Y.	27	8	54	1 .984	A. L. Mamaux, Pitts.	38	5	48	2 .964
G. Chalmers, Phila.	26	8	49	1 .983	B. Harmon, Pitts..	37	9	92	4 .962
G. Tyler, Boston...	32	6	50	1 .982	C. Tesreau, N. Y..	43	13	80	4 .959
E. Kautlehner, Pitts	29	3	49	1 .981	G. Davis, Boston...	15	2	21	1 .958
J. Coombs, Bklyn..	29	17	31	1 .980	T. Hughes, Boston.	50	6	59	3 .956
G. Alexander, Phila	49	22	120	3 .979	D. Ragan, Bkn-Bos.	38	8	56	3 .955
G. N. Rucker, Bkn.	19	6	40	1 .979	H. Sallee, St. L....	46	7	74	4 .953
J. E. Mayer, Phila.	43	14	74	2 .978	R. Stroud, N. Y....	32	6	53	3 .952

INDIVIDUAL FIELDING—PITCHERS—(Continued).

Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.C.	Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.C.
S. Baumgartner, Phil.	16	3	17	1	.952	C. Lear, Cincinnati	40	4	29	3	.917
F. G. McKenry, Cin	21	3	36	2	.951	A. Cooper, Pitts...	38	6	58	6	.914
L. Meadows, St. L.	39	3	53	3	.949	B. Humphries, Chic	31	4	38	4	.913
S. Smith, Brooklyn	29	5	49	3	.947	P. Schneider, Cin..	48	7	75	8	.911
P. Strandridge, Chic	29	2	33	2	.946	E. Appleton, Bklyn	34	5	36	4	.911
G. W. Zabel, Chic.	36	6	62	4	.944	R. Marquard, NY-Bk.	33	6	51	6	.905
J. Conzelman, Pitts	18	..	16	1	.941	J. Vaughn, Chicago.	41	5	49	8	.904
G. McQuillan, Pi.-Ph	39	5	58	4	.940	G. Pierce, Chicago.	36	1	49	6	.893
K. Adams, Chicago	26	2	29	2	.939	L. Cheney, Chi.-Bk.	30	13	52	8	.890
J. Dale, Cin.....	49	8	76	6	.933	W. Ritter, N. Y....	22	2	13	2	.882
A. J. Schauer, N.Y.	32	4	24	2	.933	R. Niehaus, St. L..	15	1	14	2	.882
P. Douglas, Ci-Bk-Ch	32	5	51	4	.933	W. Perritt, N. Y..	35	7	40	8	.855
E. Rixey, Phila....	29	7	47	4	.931						

CATCHERS.

Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.B.	P.C.	Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.B.	P.C.
M. Gonzales, St. L.	32	93	24	1	2	.992	J. B. Adams, Phila	23	32	6	1	..	.974
J. Meyers, N. Y..	96	464	90	8	13	.986	W. Killifer, Phila.	104	539	126	19	8	.972
B. Whaling, Bos..	69	292	68	5	1	.986	L. McCarty, Bklyn	81	310	101	13	7	.969
F. Snyder, St. L..	142	592	204	14	12	.983	J. H. Smith, N.Y.	18	50	8	2	2	.967
R. Bresnahan, Chi	68	345	95	8	3	.982	I. Wingo, Cin....	98	413	124	19	7	.966
O. Miller, Bklyn..	83	363	91	9	9	.981	G. Gibson, Pitts..	118	551	134	25	8	.965
T. Clarke, Cin....	72	294	71	7	3	.981	R. Schang, Pl.-NY.	51	167	50	9	9	.960
E. Burns, Phila...	62	241	61	6	5	.981	C. Dooan, Cin-NY.	56	227	55	13	6	.956
J. Archer, Chicago	88	419	124	13	14	.977	L. Murphy, Pitts.	20	29	12	3	1	.932
H. M. Gowdy, Bos	114	460	148	16	6	.974	L. Wendell, N. Y.	18	33	13	4	3	.920

CLUB FIELDING.

Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.B.	P.C.
Boston	157	4204	1939	213	6356	7	.96648
Cincinnati	160	4289	2110	222	6621	12	.96647
Pittsburgh	156	4132	1903	214	6249	16	.9657
Philadelphia	153	4109	1950	216	6275	13	.9655
St. Louis	157	4190	2041	235	6466	14	.9636
Brooklyn	154	4160	1964	238	6362	18	.9625
New York	155	4151	1972	256	6379	24	.9598
Chicago	156	4185	1986	268	6429	18	.9583

MISCELLANEOUS.

The number of players participating in the 1915 pennant race, according to clubs and playing positions, was as follows:

Club.	Pitchers.	Catchers.	Infielders.	Outfielders.	Total.
Philadelphia	9	3	6	5	23
St. Louis	10	4	8	6	28
Cincinnati	13	3	7	6	29
Brooklyn	15	3	7	8	33
Chicago	12	5	10	6	33
Boston	13	4	8	9	34
Pittsburgh	11	4	8	11	34
New York	12	7	9	3	36

Following are the Official records of National League pitchers who participated in fifteen or more games during the season of 1915. In computing this record all runs scored were charged against the pitcher except those resulting from fielding errors and passed balls. No runs were charged that scored after chances had been offered fielders to retire the side. The percentage is based on the least number of earned runs per nine-inning game. To arrive at this percentage the total earned runs are divided by the number of innings pitched; then multiplied by nine to find the pitcher's average effectiveness for a complete game.

PITCHERS RECORDS.

(At least fifteen complete games.)

Arranged According to Percentage of Earned Runs per Nine-Inning Game.

Name and Club.	Games Pitched In.	Comp. Games.	Inns. Pitched.	Games Won.	Games Lost.	Shut-outs.	Batsmen Facing Pitcher.	Base Hits.	Hit Batsmen.	Bases on Balls.	Strike-outs.	Wild Pitches.	Total Runs.	Runs Earned Off Pitcher.	Average Runs.
Alexander, Philadelphia...	49	36	376	31	10	12	1435	253	10	64	241	2	86	51	1.22
Toney, Cincinnati	36	18	223	17	6	6	877	160	3	73	108	2	46	39	1.57
Mamaux, Pittsburgh.....	38	17	252	21	8	8	1003	182	9	96	152	2	70	57	2.03
Pfeffer, Brooklyn	40	26	292	19	14	6	1177	243	17	76	84	4	93	68	2.09
Hughes, Boston	50	17	280	16	14	4	1069	208	11	58	171	2	88	66	2.12
Kantlehner, Pittsburgh....	29	10	163	5	12	1	669	135	4	58	64	1	60	41	2.26
Tesreau, New York.....	43	24	306	19	16	8	1198	235	5	75	176	7	98	78	2.29
Humphries, Chicago.....	31	10	172	8	13	4	702	183	5	23	45	3	69	44	2.30
Ragan, 5 Bklyn., 33 Boston	38	13	247	17	12	4	986	219	7	67	88	3	77	64	2.33
Dell, Brooklyn	40	12	215	11	10	4	894	166	8	100	94	4	80	56	2.34
Mayer, Philadelphia	43	20	275	21	15	2	1092	240	14	59	114	..	94	72	2.36
Rudolph, Boston	44	30	341	22	19	3	1362	304	6	64	147	6	125	90	2.37
Rixey, Philadelphia	29	10	177	11	12	2	735	163	2	64	88	8	67	47	2.39
Rucker, Brooklyn	19	7	123	9	4	1	521	134	2	28	38	3	42	33	2.41
Baumgartner, Philadelphia.	16	..	48	..	2	..	197	38	1	23	27	..	22	13	2.44
Dale, Cincinnati	49	20	297	18	17	4	1207	256	6	107	104	6	115	81	2.45
Robinson, St. Louis.....	32	6	143	7	8	1	585	128	7	35	57	1	54	39	2.45
Schneider, Cincinnati	48	16	276	14	19	5	1153	254	7	104	108	1	110	76	2.48
Chalmers, Philadelphia....	26	13	170	8	9	1	687	159	..	45	82	6	58	47	2.48
Harmon, Pittsburgh	37	25	270	16	17	5	1077	242	3	62	86	1	106	75	2.50
Lavender, Chicago	41	13	220	10	16	1	885	178	10	67	117	7	77	63	2.57
Coombs, Brooklyn	29	17	196	15	10	2	837	166	16	91	56	3	71	56	2.57
S. Smith, Brooklyn.....	29	11	174	14	8	2	713	169	5	42	52	3	71	50	2.58
McQuillan, 30 Pitts., 9 Phila.	39	14	213	12	13	..	888	220	3	50	69	..	95	62	2.62
Doak, St. Louis.....	38	19	276	16	18	3	1147	263	8	85	124	2	103	81	2.64
Perritt, New York.....	35	16	220	12	18	4	943	226	12	59	91	4	95	65	2.65
Stroud, New York.....	32	8	184	12	9	..	754	194	6	35	62	2	76	57	2.79
Griner, St. Louis.....	37	9	150	5	11	2	610	137	8	46	46	3	59	47	2.82
Sallee, St. Louis.....	46	17	275	13	17	2	1128	245	3	57	91	..	121	87	2.85
Tyler, Boston	32	15	205	10	9	1	860	182	5	84	89	3	87	65	2.85
Vaughn, Chicago	41	18	270	20	12	4	1121	240	11	77	148	5	105	86	2.86
Chas. Adams, Pittsburgh...	40	17	245	14	14	2	969	229	2	34	62	2	90	78	2.86
McKenry, Cincinnati	21	5	110	5	5	..	453	94	3	39	37	1	43	36	2.94
Meadows, St. Louis.....	39	14	244	13	11	1	1017	232	5	88	104	7	112	81	2.98
Lear, Cincinnati	40	9	168	6	10	..	698	169	6	45	46	3	73	56	3.00
Demaree, Philadelphia.....	32	13	210	14	11	3	854	201	3	58	69	1	84	71	3.04
Benton, 35 Cinc., 10 N. Y..	45	9	237	9	18	2	997	222	19	76	109	6	105	84	3.18
Zabel, Chicago	36	8	163	7	10	3	688	124	4	84	60	2	80	58	3.20
Ames, 17 Cinc., 15 St. L..	32	12	181	11	7	3	750	175	..	56	74	5	74	65	3.23
Douglas, 8 Cin., 20 Bkn., 4 Chi	32	7	189	7	11	1	783	174	6	47	110	4	89	68	3.24
Cheney, 25 Chi., 5 Bklyn..	30	7	158	8	11	2	678	136	6	72	79	9	79	57	3.25
Cooper, Pittsburgh	38	11	186	5	16	1	778	180	9	52	71	8	92	68	3.29
Pierce, Chicago	36	8	176	13	9	2	751	158	4	77	96	10	83	65	3.32
Appleton, Brooklyn	34	5	138	4	10	..	606	133	8	66	50	7	71	51	3.33
Conzelman, Pittsburgh.....	18	..	47	1	1	..	194	41	2	20	22	..	18	18	3.44
Schauer, New York.....	32	4	105	2	8	..	446	101	2	35	65	10	56	41	3.51
Mathewson, New York.....	27	11	186	8	14	1	768	199	1	20	57	1	97	74	3.58
Standridge, Chicago.....	29	2	112	4	1	..	490	120	2	36	42	1	56	45	3.61
Davis, Boston	15	4	73	3	3	..	315	85	4	19	26	2	45	31	3.82
Niehaus, St. Louis.....	15	..	45	2	1	..	202	48	1	22	21	2	35	20	4.00
Marquard, 27 N.Y., 6 Bklyn.	33	10	194	11	10	2	813	207	1	38	92	6	102	87	4.03
Perdue, St. Louis.....	31	5	115	6	12	1	492	141	2	19	29	2	66	54	4.23
Ritter, New York.....	22	..	58	2	1	..	258	66	5	15	35	3	38	30	4.65
Karl Adams, Chicago.....	26	3	107	1	9	..	462	105	2	43	57	4	62	56	4.71
Schupp, New York.....	23	..	55	1	..	..	245	57	3	29	28	..	37	31	5.07

BASE-ON-BALLS AND STRIKE-OUT RECORDS.

The Official Club Records of Bases-on-Balls and Strike-Outs, graded according to most bases on balls and least strike-outs, respectively, are as follows:

CLUB BASE-ON-BALLS RECORD.			CLUB STRIKE-OUT RECORD.		
Club.	G.	PC. to BB.Game.	Club.	G.	PC. to SO.Game.
Boston	157	549 3.50	Cincinnati	160	512 3.20
Philadelphia	153	460 3.01	Brooklyn	154	496 3.22
St. Louis	157	457 2.91	New York	155	547 3.53
Pittsburgh	156	419 2.69	Philadelphia	153	600 3.92
Chicago	156	393 2.52	Boston	157	620 3.95
Cincinnati	160	360 2.25	Chicago	156	639 4.10
Brooklyn	154	313 2.03	St. Louis	157	658 4.19
New York	155	315 2.03	Pittsburgh	156	656 4.21

Note.—National League pitchers allowed 334 less bases on balls in 1915 than in 1914, and scored 73 more strike-outs.

Following are the Base-on-Balls and Strike-Out Records of players who played in at least 40 games, arranged according to number of games played. Most bases on balls: Cravath, 86 in 150 games; Evers, 50 in 83 games; Huggins, 74 in 107 games. Herzog struck out but 21 times in 155 games; Getz, 14 times in 130 games:

Name and Club.	G.	BB.	SO.	Name and Club.	G.	BB.	SO.
Groh, Cincinnati	160	50	33	Bescher, St. Louis.....	130	52	53
Griffith, Cincinnati	160	41	34	Butler, St. Louis.....	130	47	34
J. C. Smith, Boston.....	157	67	49	Getz, Brooklyn	130	8	14
Hinchman, Pittsburgh	156	48	75	J. H. Moran, Boston.....	130	66	41
S. Magee, Boston.....	156	54	39	Good, Chicago	128	34	65
John Wagner, Pittsburgh..	156	39	64	Whitted, Philadelphia	128	29	47
G. Burns, New York.....	155	56	57	Schmidt, Boston	127	36	59
Herzog, Cincinnati	155	34	21	Gibson, Pittsburgh	120	31	25
W. Killifer, Cincinnati	155	38	33	Wingo, Cincinnati	119	13	33
Cutshaw, Brooklyn	154	34	35	Gowdy, Boston	118	41	34
Bancroft, Philadelphia	153	77	62	Betzel, St. Louis.....	117	18	48
Mollwitz, Cincinnati	153	15	49	Becker, Philadelphia	112	26	48
H. H. Myers, Brooklyn....	153	17	51	Dolan, St. Louis.....	111	34	37
Schulte, Chicago	151	49	68	Meyers, New York.....	110	26	18
F. Williams, Chicago.....	151	26	49	Paskert, Philadelphia	109	35	38
Cravath, Philadelphia	150	86	77	Huggins, St. Louis.....	107	74	68
Danbert, Brooklyn	150	57	48	Leach, Cincinnati	107	56	38
Doyle, New York.....	150	32	28	O. Wilson, St. Louis.....	107	19	43
J. Miller, St. Louis.....	150	43	48	Collins, Pittsburgh-Boston.	106	26	39
Viox, Pittsburgh	150	75	31	Hyatt, St. Louis.....	106	28	24
Fletcher, New York.....	149	6	36	Lobert, New York.....	106	25	24
Maranville, Boston	149	45	65	Byrne, Philadelphia	105	39	28
O'Mara, Brooklyn	149	51	40	Fitzpatrick, Boston	105	43	36
Niehoff, Philadelphia	148	30	63	W. Killifer, Philadelphia..	105	18	14
Fisher, Chicago	147	30	51	Connolly, Boston	104	39	25
Johnston, Pittsburgh	147	38	40	Snodgrass, New York-Bost.	103	42	42
Wheat, Brooklyn	146	52	42	Archer, Chicago	97	11	38
Baird, Pittsburgh	145	37	88	Clarke, Cincinnati	96	33	22
Saier, Chicago	144	64	62	Murray, New York-Chicago	96	15	23
Snyder, St. Louis.....	144	39	49	Brainard, New York.....	91	21	44
Luderus, Philadelphia	141	42	26	Grant, New York.....	87	9	20
Robertson, New York.....	141	22	52	Egan, Brooklyn-Boston	86	28	18
Carey, Pittsburgh	140	57	58	McCarty, Brooklyn	84	7	23
Long, St. Louis.....	140	31	50	O. Miller, Brooklyn	84	6	28
Merkle, New York.....	140	36	39	Evers, Boston	83	50	16
Zimmerman, Chicago	139	21	33	Olson, Cincinnati-Brooklyn.	81	13	13
Phelan, Chicago	133	55	42	Bresnahan, Chicago	77	29	23
Stengel, Brooklyn	132	34	46	Jos. Wagner, Cincinnati...	75	8	35

Individual Base-on-Balls and Strike-Out Records—(Continued).

Name and Club.	G.BB.	SO.	Name and Club.	G.BB.	SO.
Rodgers, Cincinnati	72	11 29	Roche, St. Louis.....	46	4 8
Whaling, Boston	72	8 38	Sallee, St. Louis.....	46	6 27
Costello, Pittsburgh	71	7 23	Twombly, Cincinnati	46	8 8
K. Williams, Cincinnati....	71	15 20	Benton, Cincinnati-N. Y....	45	.. 16
Beck, St. Louis.....	70	12 31	Gilbert, Boston	45	11 13
Stock, Philadelphia	69	22 25	Rudolph, Boston	45	12 21
McLarry, Chicago	68	14 20	Tyler, Boston	45	4 19
Schang, Pittsburgh-N. Y....	68	18 37	McCarthy, Pittsburgh-Chic.	44	10 17
Ed. Burns, Philadelphia....	67	20 12	Mayer, Philadelphia	43	4 24
Knisely, Chicago	64	15 18	Tesreau, New York.....	43	5 15
Schultz, Brooklyn-Chicago.	63	10 20	Vaughn, Chicago	43	7 27
Dooan, Cincinnati-New York	56	5 20	Dugey, Philadelphia	42	7 5
Gerber, Pittsburgh	56	9 16	Harmon, Pittsburgh	42	6 32
Hummel, Brooklyn	53	6 11	Iavender, Chicago	41	1 21
Gonzales, St. Louis.....	51	8 9	Chas. Adams, Pittsburgh...	40	4 14
Hughes, Boston	50	3 27	Cather, Boston	40	15 19
Von Kolnitz, Cincinnati....	50	7 11	Dell, Brooklyn	40	4 24
Alexander, Philadelphia....	49	6 23	Lear, Cincinnati	40	.. 15
Dale, Cincinnati	49	5 21	Pfeffer, Brooklyn	40	4 26
Schneider, Cincinnati	48	.. 27			

Players who participated in less than fifteen games during 1915 or less than fifteen games with any one club:

Philadelphia—Ben Tincup 11, George McQuillan 9, Jos. Oeschger 6.

Boston—R. Crutcher 14, Wm. James 14, Arthur Nehf 12, J. L. Barnes 9, W. Tragresser 7, Otto Hess 5, Joseph Shannon 5, Edgar Collins 5, A. Luque 3, E. Blackburn 3, E. Coereham 1, Fletcher Low 1, Maurice Shannon 1.

Brooklyn—A. R. Nixon 14, M. D. Wheat 8, R. Aitchison 7, L. J. Cadore 7, R. W. Marquard 6, L. R. Cheney 5, D. C. P. Ragan 5, R. J. Egan 3, Walter Malls 2, Elmer Brown 1, C. O. Schmutz 1, John Karst 1.

Chicago—E. Mulligan 11, J. C. Schultz 7, J. M. Corriden 6, J. L. Fluhrer 6, W. Keating 4, Phil Douglas 4, Bradley Hogg 2, E. W. Schorr 2, R. C. Wright 2, R. O'Farrell 2, C. E. Wallace 2.

Pittsburgh—Carmen P. Hill 8, W. P. Siglin 6, H. B. Kelly 5, W. J. Wagner 5, J. McAuley 5, F. Scheeren 4, L. Duncan 3, P. Slaterry 3, A. C. Vance 1, F. C. Clarke 1, Harry Daubert 1, Sydney Smith 1.

St. Louis—R. H. Daringer 10, H. M. Glenn 6, F. Lamline 4, J. Smith 4, C. Boardman 3, Dan Brown 1.

Cincinnati—C. S. Dooan 10, J. W. Beall 10, C. R. Brown 9, Phil Douglas 8, T. E. George 7, R. J. Callahan 3, H. McCluskey 3, A. Cochran 1.

New York—J. B. McLean 13, R. M. Schang 12, J. C. Benton 10, M. Jacobson 8, B. F. Dyer 7, A. Fromme 4, B. W. Kocher 4, E. Palmero 3, F. Herbert 2, H. Baker 1.

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